

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Nathan Adams, and Sharon Haun, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Angie Schwerdtfeger,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Denise Hartman

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- Jan. 2, 2024, Minutes
- Jan. 2, 2024, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Proposed Animal Ordinance Discussion:**

Discussion was held regarding the proposed animal ordinance. Councilperson Denise Hartman had concerns with limiting the number of dogs someone could have and thought the city should put more responsibility on the owner instead of limiting the number of dogs. Councilperson Nathan Adams asked about the public slaughter ordinance and discarding of animal carcasses. Administrator Jones said the ordinance did not allow for hanging a carcass in the open cleaning it and that it must be done in a closed in area out of public view. As for the carcass, Councilperson Adams said that Superior Systems would not take the remains and wondered how to dispose of them. Administrator Jones said he would relay the concerns to the City Attorney who was absent from the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Morris County Court House Parking Proposal:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the Council a request from Morris County seeking approval to add additional parking along with ADA parking. The new parking area will be in front of Court House on High 56. Joe Palic and KDOT have approved the project. The new parking area will also lower the speed limit in the area to 20mph. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request from Morris County. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 5 – 0

• **Appointment of City Committees: Mayor Schwerdtfeger**

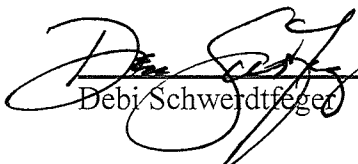
Council President Mark Berner read the Committee appointment list for Mayor Schwerdtfeger as she was under the weather but present for the meeting. President Berner read through the list below and asked for a motion to approve the Committee Appointments for 2024. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 0

- Public Works - Utilities: Sean Honer, Mark Berner
- Public Works - Roads & Parks: Jason Booker, Sean Honer
- Police & Fire: Sharon Haun, Mark Berner
- Parks & Rec: Nathan Adams, Denise Hartman, Steve White, Jim Crosby, Jeff Blosser, Jackie Mills
- Office: Jason Booker, Mark Berner
- Council President: Mark Berner
- GMDC: Nick Jones
- Chamber Rep: Sharon Haun
- Flint Hills Regional Rep: Sharon Haun
- Sales Tax Grant: Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Dawn Palmquist, Mark Brooks

- City Economic Development: Jason Booker, Debi Schwerdtfeger, Nathan Adams, Jesse Knight, Cody Catlin, Tracy Henry, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Zoey Bond, Rick Hemmy,
 - City Lake, City Lake Advisory & City Lake Sewer: Nathan Adams, Sean Honer
 - Historic Sites: Mark Brooks, Sharon Haun, Denise Hartman, Zoey Bond, Nathan Adams, Ken McClintock
 - Riverwalk: Sharon Haun, Mark Brooks, Debi Schwerdtfeger, Denise Hartman, Jesse Knight, Julie Hower, Daryl Bryant, Scott Allen, Mike Luce, Tim Tyner, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Cheryl Hayes, Jeff Blosser
 - July 4th: Nathan Adams, Mark Berner, Sean Honer, Nick Jones
 - Blighted Structure: Denise Hartman, Sean Honer
 - Comp Plan: Jason Booker, Denise Hartman, Zoey Bond, Vern Hay
 - Santa Fe Trail Bicentennial Task Force: Sharon Haun, Zoey Bond, Denise Hartman
 - City Lake Annexation Committee: Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Jason Booker, Sharon Haun, Debi Schwerdtfeger, Sean Honer, Nathan Adams
 - Planning and Zoning Commission: Trent Siegle, Andy Benning, Vern Hay, Kelly Judd, Jason Zeigler, Jim Crosby, John Steinkuhler, Taylor Adams
 - Building and Trades Board: Dave Blythe, Ron Wooden Jeff Blim, Jason Ziegler, Rick Farr, Faron Adams
- **T-Mobile Hometown Grant program:**
 City Administrator Nick Jones Nick Jones requested permission from the City Council to apply for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant which is due by March 31, 2024. Administrator Jones said the grant is up to \$50,000 and the work must be completed in a 12-month period once awarded the grant. Administrator Jones contacted architect Ben Moore to get an estimate on replacing the roof with period specific roofing. Mr. Moore’s estimated that it would cost anywhere between \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the roof and another \$7,000 to \$10,000 for guttering and downspouts. Other work would also need to be completed but Mr. Morris said the \$50,000 would cover the cost of replacing and repairing the roof. Councilperson Nathan Adams inquired if only a portion of the grant was received would the city be committed to accepting the grant. Administrator Jones said the city can decline the grant if awarded for less than what was requested. After discussion Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to allow Administrator Jones to move forward with applying for the T-Mobile Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 0
- **Schedule Work Session:**
 Discussion was held regarding possible Work Session on January 25th. Some of the Council members had conflict. Administrator Jones will work with the Mayor to come up with alternate days.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Thanked the city crews for taking care of the roads.
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Absent
- **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked the city crews for cleaning off the roads
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – Absent
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – Absent
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Informed the Council about the CDBG roadshow taking place on February 1. From 9:30am to 12:30pm in Junction City. Administrator Jones also informed the Council that bids would be placed in the paper next week for mowing at Sunnyslope Cemetery, Council Grove City Lake Park and for bids for the City Lake Hay Crop.
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Denise Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0



 Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones

City Administrator

