

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwertfeger 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 and City Attorney Molly Priest, Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Ryan McDonald, Angie Schwertfeger, Steve Crichton, Julie Crichton, Pat Riordon, Ashely McKnight, Karen Exon, Zoey Bond-Wadick,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

Denise Hartman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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 5 – 0 The consent agenda consisted of:

- September 17, 2024, Minutes
- September 17, 2024, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfers: I-24
- Application for Retail Liquor by the package: Bootleggers Liquor LLC.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Safe Routes to School: Update**
City Administrator Nick Jones told the Council that Bettis is working on the Flint Hills Trail heading west and will turn and go north up N. Chautauqua. Bettis is planning on pouring around 200 yards of concrete in the next 2 weeks.

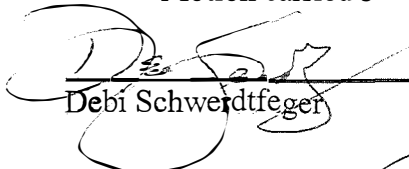
NEW BUSINESS

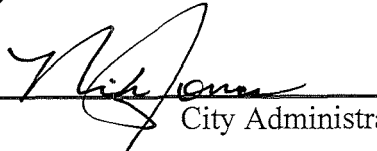
- **Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association: Convention & Visitor Bureau (CVB):**
City Administrator continued a conversation started at a previous Council meeting regarding the city taking over the CVB for the Chamber and said the Steve White with the Chamber Board attended a County Commissioner meeting to inquire if the County would be willing to transfer the \$25,000 in funding to the city to run the CVB that was previously giving to the Chamber. Mr. White informed Administrator Jones that the County agreed to transferring the money to the city for the CVB. Councilperson Nathan Adams asked what the position would pay, and Administrator Jones said that hasn't been decided, but could range from \$40,000 to \$60,000 depending on qualifications. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve taking over the CVB from the Chamber. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- **Police/Fire Committee Recommendation: Fire Department Grant: Steve Crichton:**
The Police and Fire Committee recommends the Council approve applying for the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) program provides financial assistance to fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and state fire training academies. It aims to enhance the health and safety of first responders and improve their abilities to protect the public from fire and fire-related hazards. Assistant Fire Chief Steve Crichton spoke to the Council regarding the grant and that it would be used to replace the aging SCPAS equipment that is no longer serviceable. The cost of the SCPAS equipment is \$10,000 per set and the Fire Department needs 19 sets. City Administrator Nick Jones said the cost to write the grant is \$5,000 and the match for the grant is \$5,000, which can be split between the city and rural fire contract. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the \$10,000 for writing the grant and the match. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion passed 5 – 0

- **Community Events Application: Sethfest – Renee Berner:**
City Administrator Nick Joens presented a Community Events Application for Sethfest. Administrator Jones said the event will take place on Saturday October 12 from 10am to 11pm and asked for permission to hold the event downtown and requested the use of 6 polycarts and Police presences in the area. Ashley McKnight representing the Community Arts Council was present to answer any questions about the event. After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 5 – 0
- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Jesse McDonald:**
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee to appoint Jesse McDonald to Volunteer Firefighter for the City of Council Grove Fire Department. This appointment is contingent on passing a physical, drug and alcohol screening. Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nathan Adams. Motion carried 5 – 0
- **Alley Vacate Ordinance #2270: Correction:**
City Administrator Nick Jones said that the Morris County Deeds office said that ordinance 2270 need to be corrected from First Addition to Moser First Addition to be submitted. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to make the correction. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Nathan Adams. Motion carried 5 – 0
- **Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege with Pat Riordan for City Lake**
Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege with Pat Riordan regarding the City Lake to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and City Attorneys for 20 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 5 – 0. No action was taken.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
 - **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
 - **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Prayers for the Lineman working the hurricane disaster.
 - **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Absent
 - **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – N/A
 - **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Hopes everyone enjoys Sethfest.
 - **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Excited for Fall.
 - **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
 - **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
 - **City Administrator Nick Jones** – N/A
- Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Nathan Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones City Administrator

