

City Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Sharon Haun, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Larry Siegrist and Sean Honer, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, , Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Jeff Blosser, Thatcher Rakestraw, Susan King, Jenna Blosser, Enugue Salas Jr., Angela Blosser, Henry Salas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 11, 2023, Minutes
- July 11, 2023, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer C-35

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- **Henry Salas – Mi Pueblito – Variance Request**
Jeff Blosser and Henry Salas addressed the City Council concerning a request for variances to Ordinance #2125, which only grants a 3-month food vender license per year. Mr. Blosser and Mr. Salas requested the Council allow for another 3-month permit. It was discussed by Council that they are in very supportive of brick-and-mortar businesses and that the ordinance will need revisited to take a look at the fees associated with the permit to make sure there is a equal playing field for brick-and-mortar and mobile food vendors. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the variance to Ordinance #2154 and the fee of \$150 per ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 6 – 0
- **Sales Tax Committee Recommendation:**
The City Sales Tax Grant Committee recommended to the Council to approve a request for the KARL Program in the amount of \$2,750. The grant funds will be used for lodging, food, and space rental for the KARL Programs seminar in Council Grove on August 24 – 25. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: Variance Request B-21**
The City Lake Committee recommends the Council approve a 23ft variance on the lake side of cabin for a deck with gable extension for Gregory and Lisa Ebert, B-21. The addition will not restrict or interfere with neighboring cabins or access to the area. The neighbors are aware and have approved in writing. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: Boundary Line Adjustment C-40**
The City Lake Committee recommends the Council approve a boundary line adjustment request of 46ft for a garage at C-40 for Carl Barry Cross and Judy M. Cross. The addition will not restrict or interfere with neighboring cabins or access to the area. The neighbors are aware and have approved in writing. A motion was made by Councilperson Denise Hartman to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

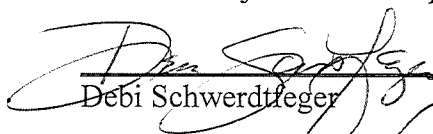
- **Date of Public Hearing: Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate/Approval of City Budget**
City Administrator Nick Jones recommended to the City Council to hold the Public Hearing on September 5, 2023, at 5:30pm in City Hall for the purpose of Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and the Public Hearing to approve the 2024 Budget. A motion was made by Jason Booker to approve the proposed date of the Public Hearings. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Purchase of Real Estate: Katy Depot**
City Administrator Nick Jones spoke to the Council regarding the purchase of the Katy Depot in the amount of \$35,000 from owner Dee Gieswein. Discussion was held for the many uses for the Katy Depot once it is rehabilitated. Councilperson Sean Honer said he would like to see Katy Depot and Durland Park area be tied together with a theme. A motion was made by Councilperson Denise Hartman to approve of the purchase from Dee Gieswein in the amount of \$35,000 to come from Infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 6 – 0
- **Executive Session: Council Grove City Lake**
Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to go into Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss the Council Grove City Lake to include the Mayor, Council, Assistant City Attorney and City Administrator. The motion was seconded by council person Sean Honer. Motion carried 6 – 0

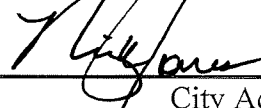
GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said have the city crew look at the crossing on Mission and Hwy56 downtown with the transition from brick to asphalt. Also, said the Destination Council Grove was receiving calls about housing in the \$250,000 to \$350,000 range.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Denise Hartman** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** –_said the auditors have been in to review files and plan on attending the August 15, 2024 meeting to present the Audit Report.

Adjournment:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

