

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Sean Honer, Sharon Haun, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, and Larry Siegrist also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Brian Henderson. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Josh Sciacca, Molly Priest, Chris Myers, Jake

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:** Jake Errickson

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Sean Honer 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:

- February 7, 2023, Minutes
- February 7, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Water Tower: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones updated the City Council on the Water Tower restoration. Administrator Jones said that a lot of the preliminary work was completed last year that required metal work and that Viking Industries will be here the middle to end of March to complete the remaining work with completion being on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: Shannon Kimball C-0 116 Watersedge Loop:**

Councilperson Sean Honer presented the City Lake Committee recommendation to approve a driveway and gravel for Shannon Kimball, C-0 116 Watersedge Loop in order to access their property. Administrator Jones said that a lot of driveways at the City Lake give access to multiple lease holds and at some point a lateral field was put in that block access to C-0 from the original driveway. After discussion Councilperson Larry Siegrist made a motion to approve the City Lake Committee recommendation to allow gravel on city property for access to C-0. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Building and Trades Board Recommendation:**

City Attorney Brian Henderson presented to the City Council the recommendation from the Building and Trades Board to add demolition safety to Article 16 Demolition, add the word Framing to 4-104(b), add a section (e) to 4-105 License categories for Framing Contractors. Add section (5) to 4-109 Training for Framing Contractors. Attorney Henderson said the demolition safety would require fencing, tape, or barricades on public or private property deeper than two feet when workers are not present. Attorney Henderson then went through adding Framing as a Licensed category and training for Framing Contractors. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Building and Trades Board recommendations for Demolition Safety and Framing. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5 – 1. Councilperson Sean Honer voted against the recommendation due to the demolition safety being too intrusive on private property.

- **Ordinances for Amending Demolition (#2259) and Amending Framing (#2260):**City

Attorney Brian Henderson presented Ordinances #2259 and #2260 to the City Council. Ordinance #2259 would amend: Chapter 4, Article 16, Demolition and requiring Fencing, Tape, or Barricades on all demolition work on public or private property deeper than two feet. Temporary walkways. If the demolition work is immediately bordering a walkway, sidewalk or thoroughfare, temporary foot walks beyond the curb shall be substantially constructed and provided with protection on both sides. In addition, on every demolition job or construction job above a sidewalk, a deck will be provided over the walkway to protect the pedestrians from falling objects. After Discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve

Ordinance #2259 Amending Demolition. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 4-2 with Councilperson Honer voting against the ordinance and Councilperson Hartman Abstaining.

Ordinance #2260 amending Chapter 4, Article 1. Licenses and Fees by adding licensing requirement, category and training for Framers. Framing contractor- Having the necessary technical knowledge to fabricate and install any wood, metal or composites product in a structure including, limited to, rough framing, structural and nonstructural work, trusses, roofing, sheathing, doors and windows, staircases, and all hardware incidental thereto. A framing contractor may not contract for or install, maintain, repair, or alter any concrete, masonry, or other work not specifically mentioned above. Further, the framing contractor may not act as a residential or commercial contractor or secure permits to build any structure. Framing – A certified test score 75% or higher on the ICC Kansas Framing Contractor (Exam ID: KGJ or 846) exam. The ICC National Standard Framing (F46, W46) exam may be considered if it can be verified to have a 75% or higher score and the exam outline precisely mirrors the outline content of ICC Exam ID: KGJ or 846. Other equivalent education can be approved by the City Inspector. After Discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve Ordinance #2260. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Blighted Structures/Nuisances Properties List:**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger told the Council that she asked Administrator Jones to include the Blighted Structures/Nuisances Properties on the agenda, so everyone is aware of the properties the City Inspector is working on or has plans to work on. City Administrator Nick Jones pointed out that Blighted Structures and Nuisances Properties are not the same and that Blighted Structures deals with structural issues of a structure. The Nuisances Properties focus on junk in the yard, tall grass, vehicles, etc.

- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Jon-Wesley O’Hara**

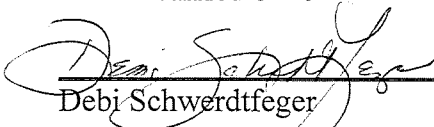
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation from to The Police and Fire Committee to appointment Jon-Wesley O’Hara to full-time Class B Police Officer at a payrate of \$16.50 with a 6-month probationary period. This appointment is contingent on passing drug test, physical, background check, and psychological examination. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Rental of Fairmont Property Discussion:**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger said at the time of the first request from 3C Dock Builders to rent the Fairmont Property that GMDC was still considering the property for development and sense then that is not longer the case. Administrator Nick Jones said that he and Councilperson Sean Honer (Co-Owner of 3C Dock Builders) had spoken about charging \$1,200 a year rental fee and that maintenance and upkeep would be the responsibility of 3C Dock Builders. Chris Meyers with 3C Dock Builders said the company would like to rent the property for clean storage and would make upgrades to the property such as gravel. Meyers said that they would like a long term lease and first right of refusal if the city choose to sell the property. Administrator Jones said the current leased property’s have a 3 year term with 30 day notice to terminate the contract from either party and require insurance. Administrator Jones recommended that himself and City Attorney Brian Henderson come up with a lease agreement for leasing the property to 3C Dock Builders. After discussion Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to approve the request to lease the Fairmont property to 3C Dock Builders. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

## **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said she attend the Flint Hills Regional Council conference at the Dealership Building here in Council Grove and that the National League of Cities has a \$15,000 grant for entrepreneurs that would benefit some of the businesses Downtown. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked Councilperson Sharon Haun to please send the information to her.
  - **Councilperson Jason Booker** – said it was busy Downtown on Sunday and that it was nice to see.
  - **Councilperson Mark Berner** – asked Administrator Jones what the status was for the drainage, sewer, and water reports. Jones said that the PER's should be ready middle to end of March.
  - **Denise Hartman** – inquired why Council Grove has on streetlight that was blue. Councilperson Honer explained that the lights are owner by Everygy and that the LED lights were installed because they are more efficient. Honer also said they start turning blue when that are at the end of their life span.
  - **Councilperson Sean Honer** – thanks the Territorial Ballroom, Zoey Bond with the Chamber, and Dave Baker for bringing in Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt.
  - **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
  - **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – said that the Flint Hill Regional was held on Friday at the Dealership Building. Councilperson Haun also reminded everyone about the upcoming Council Grove Community Theater Group performance the next 2 weekends if Steal Magnolia.
  - **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
  - **City Administrator Nick Jones** – N/A
- 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

  
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 Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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 Nick Jones City Administrator

