

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, Larry Siegrist, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Brian Henderson, Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Sharon McVay, Reb. Adam Reichart, Binee Berner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Rev. Adam Reichart

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 5 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- Sept 5, 2023, Minutes
- Sept. 5, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Safe Routes to School: Update**

City Administrator Jones gave an update on the Safe Routes to School project and informed the Council that several property owners have turned in their Temporary Construction Easement forms. Administrator Jones also said that a second round of mailings was also sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association: Presentation**

Zoey Bond the Executive Director of the Council Grove Area Trade and Tourism Association gave an update to the Council regarding the marketing effort. Mrs. Bond said that there has been a 27% increase in merchants belonging to the association for a total of 163 members. Mrs. Bond said that the new website is complete and gives a new presence for both the association and the city, along with the new visitor's guide, which has been well received. Facebook indicated analytics said there have been over 90,000 impressions over the last month and that there has been 32 articles written in the Republican and 86 events posted. Mrs. Bond said she is working on marketing plan for the naming of the Neosho Riverwalk Amphitheater along with four proposed welcome signs as people come into town.

• **USD417 Homecoming Parade Request:**

City Administrator Jones presented USD417 request to block off a portion of Main Street on October 6th from approximately 2:00 – 2:30pm for the annual Homecoming Parade starting on Railroad Street to Chautauqua. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 5 – 0

• **Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application: Sethfest**

Renne Berner representing the Community Arts Council requests the use of the Neosho Riverwalk Amphitheater and allow the sale of alcohol for consumption for Sethfest scheduled for October 14th from 11am to 10pm. After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the request from the Community Arts Council. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 5 – 0

• **CCLIP Project Programming Request:**

City Administrator Jones spoke to the Council regarding the CCLIP Project Programming Request from KDOT, which will provide a 2in Mill N Overlay from 4th Street to East city limits. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$505,000 with \$400,000 coming from the KDOT CCLIP funding. The other \$105,000 would come from CCLIP gas tax Council Grove received from the State to help with costs not covered by the KDOT CCLIP funding. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the

CCLIP Project Programming Request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 5 – 0

• **Katy Depot Discussion:**

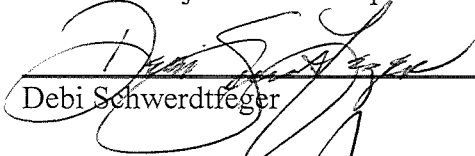
City Administrator Jones asked the Council to move forward with speaking to Architect Ben Moore to obtain plans for restoration and estimates to apply for grants to start restoration. Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 5 – 0.


GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Encourage anyone who hasn't been to the Kaw Mission or Last Chance Store to do so as the re-interpretations are great.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said that the Greenwood Cemetery wall has a hole in it and has meant with Chris Hartman with Hartman Masonry to receive a couple estimates to repair the wall. City Administrator Jones said there are grants that can help with the cost.

Adjournment:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones City Administrator

