

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 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, City Attorney Brian Henderson Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Josh Sciacca, Ryan McDonald, Karen Exon, Rev. Adam Reichart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Reverend Adam Reichart

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Cassie Diebold and Tanner Schneider spoke to the Council regarding a potential move to Council Grove but were concerned that their mixed breed dog may fall under the Pitbull ordinance and would not be permitted in the city limits. Photos and documentation related to the dog from the veterinarian call the dog a mixed breed. The Council discussed removing the ordinance, but City Attorney Brian Henderson recommended against it as the ordinance protects the city. After discussion the Council determined that the mixed breed dog did not meet the characteristics of a Pitbull and would be allowed. The Council welcomed the couple to town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Mark Berner 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:

- May 16, 2023, Minutes
- May 16, 2023, to Current Appropriations.
- Application for Retail Liquor by the Package – LK Liquor

OLD BUSINESS

- **Water Tower Update:**
City Administrator Nick Jones said the Water Tower is full. Water sampled were sent to Topeka and Salina for testing. Once the results are back the results will be sent to the State for approval if the results are in the acceptable ranges set by the State. Once the State approves the test results the Water Tower will back in use around the end of this week.
- **Belfry to 4th Street Chip N Seal: Update**
City Administrator Nick Jones said that the resurfacing from Belfry to 4th street was complete and hope to see Traffic Management by the end of next week to do the stripping from Belfry to 4th street extending to the east city limits. Administrator Jones also informed the Council that the crosswalks on Mission and 56 will hopefully start around the same time.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Together with Veterans AND Morris County: Veterans of Comedy**
 - Community Events Application: Jim Crosby
 - Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application: Riverbank Brewery
Jesse Knight

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the request from Together with Veterans AND Morris County to waive the fee to use the Amphitheater for a fundraiser Veterans of Comedy. The Council was also presented with an Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application from Riverbank Brewery to sale at the event. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve both requests for the event. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Planning and Zoning Committee Recommendation:**
- City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the Council with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee to adopt guidelines for barndominiums, Shouse, and Shop Houses in the city limits if the follow is met.

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2. CITY INSPECTOR WILL NOTIFY ALL NEIGHBORS WITHIN 300 FEET OF DESIGN LOCATION. OF DESIGN PROPOSED, AND TIME AND PLACE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING. WILL NEED A SIGNED LETTER FROM NEIGHBORS.THEN IT WILL BE SENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW
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THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMISION RECOMMENDS THE COUNCIL APPROVE: ALLOWING ADU (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) AND TINY HOUSES IN CITY LIMITS, AS LONG AS THE FOLLOWING ARE MET.

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After discussion the Council tabled any action and requested Attorney Brian Henderson create more descriptive verbiage for the Council's review at the next Council meeting on June 6th.

- **Proposals for Auditing Services:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the Council with proposals from 3 auditing firms.

- ADAM BROWN Strategic Allies and CPAS:
 - 3-year agreement of \$14,250 for audit year 2022, \$14,670 for audit year 2023 and \$15,120 for audit year 2024. A single audit fee per mayor program of \$5,000 for any audit year for the contract term.
- Loyd Group, LLC
 - 5-year agreement of 20,500 per year for years 2022 thru 2026 for single audit.
 - Municipal entities at \$1,000 per year for years 2022 thru 2026.
 - Single audit if required at \$7,500 per year for years 2022 thru 2026.
- SSC CPA's P.A.
 - 1-year agreement at \$23,350 plus reimbursement for travel costs.
 - Single audit fee of \$5,000
 - Additional major federal programs would increase fee by \$3,000

After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the proposal of a 3-year contract with ADAM BROWN Strategic Allies and CPAS. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0 with 1 abstention – Councilperson Hartman

- **Recreation Committee Recommendation: Pool Fees**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Recreation Committee for pool fees as follows:

Recreation Committee Recommendation

The Recreation Committee recommends the following price increases for the City of Council Grove Aquatic Center.

- Current Daily Price: \$4.00
- New Recommended Daily Price \$5.00
- Current Price of Coupon Books of 20 - \$60 = \$3 ticket
- New Recommended Price for Coupon books of 20 - \$80 = \$4 ticket
- Current Individual Season Pass Price - \$60
- New Recommended Individual Season Pass Price - \$70
- Current Family of 4 Season Pass Price - \$240
- New Recommended Family of 4 Season Pass Price - \$275 - Additional add on members - \$30/ Per Member.

After discuss Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Recreation Committee recommendation on increase in pool fees. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Council Grove Recreation Department: Appointment List**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed the following:

**CGAC
Assistant Pool Managers**

Ally Hower 3+ years Lifeguard/WSI - \$9.91
Myles Gant 3+ years Lifeguard/WSI - \$9.91

CGRD

Hayden Buttrey Maintenance - \$10.00
Lucy Palmquist Concessions - \$7.69

After discussion Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointments. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Alley Resurfacing: 1 & 2 Hundred Block of West Main:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the Council the cost estimate to resurface the alleys in the 1 & 2 hundred block of West Main for a total estimated cost of \$112,000 as follows.

Alley Resurfacing 1 & 2 hundred block of West Main

LOCATION	AREA	LUMP SUM
Wood Alley – Main Street North to Parking Lot	220x30	\$21,000
Wood Alley Parking Lot	140x26	\$15,000
Alley Wood to Neosho North of Main	18x340	\$19,000
Alley Wood to Neosho South of Main Street	18x340	\$19,000
Alley Neosho to Missions South of Main	18x340	\$19,000
Alley Neosho to Mission N of Main	18x340	\$19,000
TOTAL		\$112,000

After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Alley Resurfacing at a cost of \$112,000 from Infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **RHID Resolution: First Reading**

Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest presented the Council with the RHID Resolution and explained to the Council that areas of development would need to be identified and that a legal description and map would be required in order to submit the application to the State. Administrator Jones said he would work on getting legal descriptions and a maps of areas being considered.

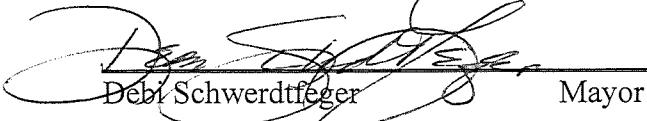
- **Discussion: Hiring Outside Counsel to handle Negotiations: City Lake Park**

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

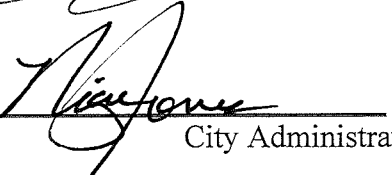
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger – N/A
- Councilperson Jason Booker – Downtown is looking nice.
- Councilperson Mark Berner – N/A
- Denise Hartman – N/A
- Councilperson Sean Honer – Ditto to was Jason Booker
- Councilperson Larry Siegrist – N/A
- Councilperson Sharon Haun – N/A
- City Attorney Brian Henderson – Happy Birthday
- Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest – Happy Birthday
- City Administrator Nick Jones – N/A

Adjournment:

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


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

