

City Council Meeting Minutes
June 6, 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, Ron Wooden, Nancy Arnold, Bruce Arnold, Tim Chadd, Sheryl Chadd, Timmy Chadd, Marty Wright, Courtney Hall, Pastor Billy Kryger, Gary Catlin, Daniel Fox

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Billy Kryger

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jared Ink representing the Council Grove Disc Golf Club asked the Council about installing 3 to 6 regulation disk gold baskets at Becker Park. City Administrator Nick Jones suggested that Mr. Ink be on the agenda for the June 20th meeting and provide the Council with a proposed map of the locations of the baskets.

Karen Exon with the Council Grove Lake Association thanked the City Council and Police Department for the patrols at the City Lake over the Memorial weekend. Mrs. Exon said the random patrols cut down on unsafe boating and said that the patrolman interacted with the boaters.

Kendra Levy and Carolyn Culp introduced themselves to the City Council and informed them that they are considering opening a daycare in the Katy Depo building located at Durland Park and that they are on the agenda for the June 20th Council meeting.

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:

- June 6, 2023, Minutes
- June 6, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Water Tower Update:**
City Administrator Nick Jones said the Water Tower rehab is complete and the water tower is back in service. Administrator Jones said the Water Department employees worked 12 hour rotating shifts while the rehab work was being completed.
- **Belfry to 4th Street Chip N Seal: Update**
City Administrator Nick Jones said that the resurfacing from Belfry to 4th street and striping was complete. The crosswalks on HWY56 and Mission are close to being completed and should be done by the end of the week.
- **RHID Ordinance Discussion:**
City Administrator Nick Jones suggested to the City Council that the city hold off on passing the RHID Ordinance until after the GMDC housing summit on June 22nd at 6:30pm at the Dealership Building.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Tim & Sheryl Chadd – H7**
Tim Chadd spoke to the Council concerning a decision by the City Inspector to require holding tanks instead of allowing for a septic tank and laterals for his new house being built at site H7. Mr. Chadd said he was unaware that he would be required to have holding tanks. The City Council is concerned with continually giving new ground in city commons for use of septic systems and the long runs of lines to new ground as space becomes an issue. Councilmen Mark Berner stated that the City is concerned with preserving the city's water source. Mr. Chadd was

asked if the city granted him the request for a septic system that when a sewer system is in place would he agree to hook up to it and Mr. Chadd replied Yes! tomorrow. The Council recommended that the City Lake Committee, Administrator Jones, City Inspector Dan Drube, Ron Wooden, Tim Chadd, Randy Barton all meet and come up with a recommendation for the City Council on a future agenda.

- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: Dorothy Devine – Devine Properties, LLC**

The City Lake Committee recommended that the City Council approve the installation of two water slides for Dorothy Devine, Devine Properties, LLC B-18. Slides are to be installed to manufacturer's instructions, and owner will be given a set of safety instructions. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0 with 1 abstention (Councilperson Honer)

- **Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application: Washunga Days: Rotary Beer Tent**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the Council with a Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application from Council Grove Rotary Club request to sale beer at Washunga Days. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment: Trent Siegle**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Trent Siegle to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3 year-term. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Taylor Biter**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee to appointment of Taylor Bidder to Volunteer Fire-Fighter for the City of Council Grove Fire Department. Appointment is contingent on passing a drug/alcohol screening and physical. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Taylor Biter**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee to appointment Breanna Canby to Part-Time Police Officer for the City of Council Grove Police Department at a pay-rate of \$17.00 per hour. Appointment is contingent on passing a drug/alcohol screening and physical. A motion was made by Councilperson Denise Hartman to approve the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 6- 0

- **Boating Safety Rules Ordinance: Discussion**

Discussion was held regarding Boating Safety Rules Ordinance pertaining to size of watercraft allowed at the City Lake. The ordinance restricts the size of watercraft permitted to the following

- Pontoon/Tri-Toon/Sprot-Toon shall be no longer the 27 feet from bow to stern.
- All other motorized watercraft shall be no longer than 24 feet from bow to stern, excluding removable stern platforms.
- Any motorized watercraft licensed to operate on the Council Grove City Lake by July 1, 2023, is exempt from this section.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve Ordinance #2262. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Executive Session Attorney Client Privilege: City Owned Property**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss city owned property. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss city owned property for 30

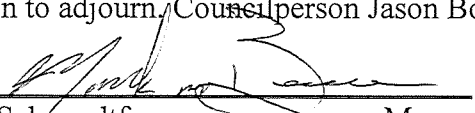
minutes and include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 6 – 0

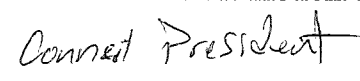
GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger – Looking forward to Washunga Days
- Councilperson Jason Booker – said that the Downtown is looking nice
- Councilperson Mark Berner – N/A
- Denise Hartman – N/A
- Councilperson Sean Honer – asked about putting up more signs with the City logo.
- 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 – asked the Council for the go ahead to have BG Consultants submit pre-application forms for KDHE State Revolving Fund. Administrator Jones said the pre-application is non-binding and the city can scale back on the sewer and water submittals the formal application is submitted.
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Adjournment:

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


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

 Council President

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

