

City Council Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2023

**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 Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Rev. Adam Reichart, Mattea Seymour.

**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:

- Oct. 3, 2023, Minutes
- Oct. 3, 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 there are 4 residents who have not signed temporary easement agreements. Administrator Jones said that on a couple of the properties the sidewalk could be moved enough to not need a temporary easement.

**KATY Depot: Update**

- City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that the Mayor, Councilperson Sharon Haun and himself had meant with architect Ben Moore to discuss the rehab of the Katy Depot. Administrator Jones said the plan was to rehab the building in phases and apply for grants to complete the work. Ben Moore gave a quote of \$49,125 to be paid as work is completed on the project. Administrator Jones said the first step would be to approve the proposal and have Ben Moore complete the CDBG report to start applying for grants. The total estimated cost to rehab the Katy Depot is \$750,000, which includes new wiring, plumbing, HVAC, and restoration of the outside and inside along with ADA compliant public restrooms. Councilperson Sean Honer suggested getting other proposals before moving forward. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve the proposal from Ben Moore for his services. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 1 with Councilperson Sean Honer voting against the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

• **Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation:**

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the 2021 NFPA 1194 Standards for Recreational Vehicle Park and Campgrounds, which will give the standards required for all RV Parks within the City limits. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to adopt the 2021 NFPA 1194 Standards for Recreational Vehicle Park and Campgrounds. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the Council approve a RV Park by Saddlerock Café. The location of the RV Park will be on the East side of S. Sixth Street and across the street from the Saddlerock Café. The plan is to have a total of 12. The first two sites to be completed are on the West side of Saddlerock on Oak Street. Mattea Seymour was in attendance to answer any questions and said they are also looking at adding 2 EV Charging stations and are working with Evergy. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for an RV Park contingent on working with the City Administrator, Inspector and Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige regarding water and

sewer hookup. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

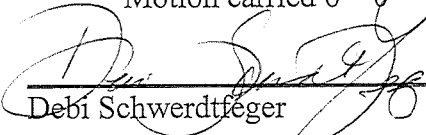
• **Economic Development Committee: Update**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger gave an update on the Economic Development Committee and plans for street scape the East side of town. Mayor Schwerdtfeger said that with GMDC doing a good job on housing that the committee would shift its focus to the east side street scape and John Wadek was drawing sketches based on other towns like Council Grove.

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – On behalf of the Council Grove Arts Council thanked the city for its assistance and support of Sethfest. He also thanked Dave Fox with Twin Lake Liquors for making a sizable donation to the Arts Council.
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – said some residents were concerned about people speeding down the alley behind the Hays House and suggested maybe putting in speed bumps. She also said that her and Sharon Haun attended the League conference and she learned of some different programs to help with housing. She also mentioned that a lot of the things suggested at the conference Council Grove was doing or in the process of doing, which made her proud to be from Council Grove.
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Thanks the Sethfest Committee for a successful event.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Has a good time at the League Conference.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – Absent
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Said Hartman would start work on the Greenwood Cemetery wall in 3 to 4 weeks. Asked about getting proposals for grant administration and writing for CDBG grant.

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

  
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Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Nick Jones City Administrator

