

City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2019

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Mark Brooks called the regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Jesse Knight, Mark Berner, Jeff Blosser, Keith Wessel, and Sharon Haun. Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were: Wayne Kohler, Lucas Kohler, Logan Kohler, Robert Herbig, Larry Fischer, Debra Anderson, Daniel Fox, Doyle Barnes, Kathy Fox, Rich Taylor, Chris Bolton, Kay Hutchinson, Kathy McDiffett, Kelley Judd, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Marcus Hernandez, and Megan Glotzbach.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Vacating Portion of Keller Street

- City Attorney Randy Heilman reviewed the area of Keller Street to be vacated and noted the Order and Ordinance for vacating have been prepared. After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the Order and Ordinance vacating a Portion of Keller Street as prepared. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2217

Vacating Portion of Ford Street

- City Attorney Randy Heilman reviewed the area of Ford Street to be vacated and noted the Order and Ordinance for vacating have been prepared. After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the Order and Ordinance vacating a Portion of Ford Street as prepared. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2218

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- March 19, 2019 Minutes
- March 19, 2019 to Current Appropriations.
- City Lake Cabin Transfers: K-21 from Tyson & Emily Mullen to Richard & Rhonda Higginbotham, Council Grove, KS.

The Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **High School Trap Team: Sean Honer**  
City Administrator Nick Jones noted the FAA does not recommend putting a trap shoot next to an airport and the City Insurance will raise due to liability issues. Councilperson Mark Brooks recommended they look at other locations for the trap shoot.
- **City Lake Boundary Width Extension Ordinance – Second Reading**  
City Attorney Randy Heilman noted he will need to add the width extension as a possibility when next to a commons area. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the City Lake Boundary Width Extension Ordinance with the addition. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2219

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Doyle Barnes – Morris County Historical Society**  
Doyle Barnes, representing Morris County Historical Society, requested the Council look into improved lighting options for the Guardian of the Grove and the Madonna of the Trail statues. After discussion it was decided to have City Administrator Nick Jones and Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo look into options and report back to the Council.
- **Lake Association**  
Nothing to report.

- **Mowing Bids**

Acting Mayor Mark Brooks read the sealed mowing bids that were received for Greenwood Cemetery.

- Twin Lakes Lawn Service
  - Per mow – Mowing/Weed Eating – \$2,050.00
  - Per mow – Mowing without Weed Eating – \$1,075.00
  - Per year – Mowing/Weed Eating – \$27,446.00
- Mike Muncy
  - Per mow – Mowing/Weed Eating – None
  - Per mow – Mowing without Weed Eating – None
  - Per year – Mowing/Weed Eating – \$29,600.00
- C.C.Q. Lawn and Landscape
  - Per mow – Mowing/Weed Eating – \$2,270.00
  - Per mow – Mowing without Weed Eating – \$1,170.00
  - Per year – Mowing/Weed Eating – \$40,860.00

After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to accept the per year Mowing/Weed Eating bid from Twin Lakes Lawn Service at \$27,446.00 per year for three years. This will include an “opt out” option for both parties. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **City Lake Boating Safety Rules Ordinance**

City Attorney Randy Heilman reviewed the Ordinance and discussed a few areas to be clarified. After discussion of the changes that will need to be made, Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the City Lake Boating Safety Rules Ordinance with the modifications as discussed. This will become effective upon publication in the Local Newspaper. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2220

- **Lake Committee Recommendation: D-16**

Building Inspector Larry Siegrist reviewed the Lake Committee Recommendation.

- Recommend the Council approve an endcap extension request for 25 feet.
  - Owners – Daniel & Kathy Fox, D-16

After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Lake Committee Recommendation as presented. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Google City**

City Administrator Nick Jones noted there is no charge to the City to become a “Google City” but there are perks that we can take advantage of. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to approve becoming a “Google City.” Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Freedoms Frontier Heritage Area**

Councilperson Mark Brooks noted Congress will need to approve any City or County who wishes to become a Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area. A Resolution will need to be approved to support Morris County joining the Heritage Area. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign a Resolution of Support for Morris County being included in the Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Resolution # 040219-01

- **Pride Committee: Spring Cleanup**

City Administrator Nick Jones noted the Spring Cleanup is currently planned for Phase 1 from April 22 – 26 (Household Trash) and Phase 2 from May 13 – 17 (Brush, Limbs & Leaves.) The Pride Committee is working on an appliance cleanup as well. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve Spring Cleanup schedule. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Westar Easement Modification**

City Administrator Nick Jones noted the original easement did not include the full area needed and this modification will correct it. After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to grant the easement modification for \$5,000.00. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

