

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Steve Shepard called the Regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Jesse Knight, Betty Hughey, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, and Sharon Haun. Sharon Jones was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Danny Matthews were also present. Others attending were: Cynthia Engle, Steve Keplar, Don Harp, Deidra Knight, Lindsey Boyer, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Cynthia Engle expressed her concerns with children being allowed to be around alcohol at community events. Mrs. Engle noted during the Washunga Days activates she was contacted by concerned parents. The current ordinance does not exclude children from being allowed into the beer garden area. After discussion Betty Hughey made a motion to put the alcohol ordinance on the agenda for next meeting to be looked into further. Motion died for lack of a second.

Robert Herbig, President of the Council Grove City Lake Association, requested waiving the restrictions on shooting fireworks from July 3rd and July 4th to include July 2nd. Mark Brooks made a motion to allow shooting fireworks in town and at the City Lake from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. for July 2, 2016 though July 4, 2016. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Transfer:
 - A-9 from CA Investments of Wichita to Van Buren Property LLC, Manhattan, KS.
- B. June 7, 2016 Minutes.
- C. June 7, 2016 to Current Appropriations.
- D. Salary Ordinance

The Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

E. Water Plant Generator discussion.

Mayor Steve Shepard went to the County Commissioners last week to request help with buying a Water Plant Generator but has not heard back yet. Two quotes were presented to the Council for consideration both from Jones Electric, a natural gas and a diesel powered generator. After discussion Mark Brooks made a motion to have the utility's committee look over the quotes and come back to the next Council meeting with recommendations. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

F. Playground equipment funding request.

Jeff Blosser noted the Parks Committee met with representatives from the Leadership Morris County group. The Leadership group gave an update on the fundraising progress for the Fairgrounds Park playground equipment. Currently the Leadership group has raised \$26,000.00 towards the equipment. The total cost of the playground equipment will be \$43,483.00 but if the equipment is purchased right away with the Council Grove Elementary School purchase the total cost will be \$39,299.00, the group is currently \$13,300 short of this total. In order to do the purchase with the School's purchase the Leadership group is asking the City to help with the reminder \$13,300.00. Deidra Knight, from the Leadership Morris County group, noted they plan on submitting more grants and will pay back the full amount to the city. After discussion Sharon Haun made a motion to purchase the playground equipment for the Fairground Park, to be reimbursed by the Leadership Morris County, for \$39,299.00, paid out of Infrastructure. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor with Jeff Blosser abstaining. Motion carried.

G. Consumption application – 4th of July celebration.

Mark Brooks noted the 4th of July committee was requesting the Consumption application under the City and they were still looking for someone to run the Beer Garden. The area of the Beer Garden would include all of the Fairgrounds Park area. Following discussion, the area was adjusted so it did not include the playground area. Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Consumption application being in the City's name, no additional cost for event insurance, and ran by a group of volunteers. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-1 in favor with Betty Hughley apposed. Motion carried.

H. Water rates consideration.

The Utility's Committee recommends to raise the minimum from \$15.75 to \$18.56 for in-town water and \$31.50 to \$37.13 for out-of-town water. The sewer rate will be addressed later.

During discussion Jeff Blosser left the meeting.

After discussion Mark Brooks made a motion to accept the increase of the water rates for inside and outside City limits. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 3-1 in favor with Jesse Knight apposed. Motion carried.

I. Dog stations consideration.

City Administrator Danny Matthews presented a few options as requested for dog stations for the City parks and Riverwalk area. Jesse Knight noted a few needs to be on the Riverwalk, at least one in every park, and a few with bags only along Main Street. After discussion it was decided the Parks and Recreation Committee will meet up and come back next council meeting with ideas of where they should be placed and how many should be purchased.

J. No Parking request – East side of Chautauqua St, South of Main St, 1 block.

Jeff Blosser requested this to be added to the minutes. Councilman Blosser noted Chautauqua St by the County Court House can be dangerous area with cars parked in the parking spots on the West side and parallel parked on the East side of Chautauqua St. Councilman Blosser would like no parking signs placed on the East side of Chautauqua St for one block South of Main Street. After discussion it was recommended to have Chief Stone create a written request with his recommendations for the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II

Steve Keplar voicing his concern over being instructed to remove his boxer mix dog from the city limits because it has the appearance of a pit bull. No action was taken because it is being handle through the Municipal Court.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Sharon Haun thanked the City for the use of the Armory for Kansas Archology Field School Summary Dinner. The Field School loved the reception they received from the City of Council Grove.

Betty Hughey presented a plans of the "book house" as requested during the last Council meeting. Councilwoman Hughey noted she will bring in the "book house" once it is complete. Councilwoman Hughey noted the street light is out on the corner of Main Street and Wood Street.

Mark Brooks thanked the City for their assistance in road blacking with the Kansas Archology field School. Councilman Brooks noted the City may want to look into getting A/C for the Armory. The Armory could be promoted better for weddings and receptions all year round. Councilman Brooks noted the Washunga Days Committee knocked another one out of the park.

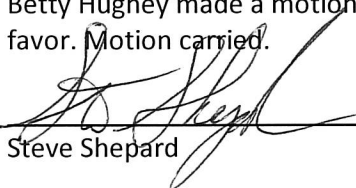
Jesse Knight noted the Swimming Pool was out of the Coupons. Mark Brooks noted the 25 Coupon Books were out and Justin Carlson is looking at getting more. Councilman Knight encouraged the public to come to the 4th of July celebration. Councilman Knight noted the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is still moving forward. The City will be joining the County's plan still having the 5 years at 100% with an increase in value of \$10,000.00. The County Appraiser is hoping to have their part complete by September 1, 2016 and starting January 1, 2017 Councilman Knight thanked all who helped with Washunga Days.

City Attorney Randy Heilman noted he will be gone for the July 5, 2016 Council Meeting

Mayor Steve Shepard noted Washunga Days was awesome and the 4th of July should be good as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Betty Hughey made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:

Danny Matthews City Administrator

