

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 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: Sharon Jones, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, Betty Hughey, and Sharon Haun. Jesse Knight was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Danny Matthews were also present. Others attending were: Marty Thurman, Larry Heyka, Jo King, Richard Marsh, Diane Wolfe, Scott Allen, Chris Hartman, Denise Hartman, Sandra Hartman, Vicki Petry, Mary Honeyman, Kay Hutchinson, Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

KEY TO THE CITY PRESENTATION

Presented to Hartman Masonry for all the work they have done for the betterment of our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Marty Thurman thanked the City for their help with the Fishing Tournament and couldn't have done it without the City helps.

Larry Fisher will speak during the Lake Transfer Ordinance later in the Agenda.

Jo King noted she would like the City to consider revising the Water Line Ordinance and feels like nothing has happened from the last time she requested the City to look into revising the Water Line Ordinance. Miss. King requested to know the Total Cost for the demolishing of the Fairmont Creamery building and what the City Plans to do with the space. Mayor Steve Shepard noted the City plans on selling the property. Mayor Shepard also noted the Utility's Committee will be looking at the Water Line Ordinance.

Richard Marsh noted there is still parking happening in front of the Elementary School, kids continue to be dropped off and picked up, creating semis to cross the yellow line to pass by the parked cars. Mayor Steve Shepard noted this will go to the Street Committee as well as talking with the Police Department to increase patrol by the Elementary School. Jeff Blosser inquired about having KDOT re-review the East side of town to consider changing the Speed limit starting at Old Highway 4.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Transfer: B-44A from Cheryl Hayes to James R. Sholin Council Grove, KS.
- B. September 9, 2016 Minutes.
- C. September 9, 2016 to Current Appropriations.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- D. Water Rates Ordinance – 4th Reading.

Mayor Shepard noted the Water Rates Ordinance in the packet has a 10% increase for the 9,000 gal and below and a 25% increase for above 9,000 gal and a minimum rate of \$18.56. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted this will lower the upper portions as well because the system calculates from the lower amounts up. Mark Brooks noted the Utility Committee recommended the overall 25% increase and felt if the water rates were not increased it could be harmful to the maintenance to the distribution system in the future. Mayor Steve Shepard opened the floor to the public. Jo King noted people on fixed incomes may have problems paying their bills with so many increases. After discussion Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the Water Rates Ordinance as presented in the packet. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-1 with Mark Brooks opposed. Motion carried

- E. Ordinance for City Lake Lease Transfers – 3rd Reading

Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted he attended the Council Grove Lake Association meeting to clear up any confusions about the Lake Lease Transfer Ordinance. After discussion Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the City Lake Lease Transfers Ordinance. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor.

- F. City Lake Plumbing Ordinance – 2nd Reading.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted this will allow plumbing in accessory buildings. It is the recommendation of the Lake Advisory Committee to approve this ordinance. Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the City Lake Plumbing Ordinance. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor.

- G. Feasibility Study of City Lake Water and Wastewater Systems Discussion.

City Administrator Danny Matthews noted there are nine possible firms to choose from and three of them have done recent jobs for the City, also BG has offered to help write the Scope of Work. Mark Brooks noted the code states anyone who wants to tap onto City Water or Sewer Line must be annexed into the City. After discussion Jeff Blosser made a motion to form a Committee to work on the Feasibility Study and take BG up on their offer to help with writing the Scope of Work. Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Mayor Steve Shepard requested directions on the makeup of the Committee. Jeff Blosser noted Council members, Lake Committee members,

Lake Association key members, Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige, and Building Inspector Larry Siegrist. The Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- H. Purchase Order Spending Limits Discussion.
- Two options were presented in the packet for Purchase Order Spending Limits. Option 1: City Administrator - \$1,000.00, Department Heads - \$1,000.00, and with approval of the Mayor, Committee, and communication with the City Administrator both \$1,000.00 can be combined to increase the spending limit to \$2,000.00. Option 2: City Administrator - \$1,500.00, Department Heads - \$1,000.00, and with approval of the Mayor, Committee, and communication with the City Administrator both \$1,500 and \$1,000.00 can be combined to increase the spending limit to \$2,500.00 and if approval is needed in excess of the spending limits the Committee can recommend the Mayor call a Special Meeting to seek the higher spending authority needed. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted the Claim Voucher form can be used for signatures of the Committee members and Mayor. Mark Brooks made a motion to go with Option 2 which combines City Administrator's amount of \$1,500 with the Department Head amount of \$1,000 creating a \$2,500 maximum, without having a special meeting. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. National Rural Economic Development Convention Request. – Removed from the Agenda
- J. Rotary Request.
- Scott Allen, Rotary Club, noted the Rotary has plans to pour concrete on the Rails to Trails from 3rd Street to the Railroad Bridge and would like to run the bills through the City to save on taxes. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted the Rotary would pay up front then the City would pay the bills. Mr. Allen noted the estimated cost was around \$15,000.00 for 10 feet wide and four inches deep. Mark Brooks made a motion to allow the Rotary to run the bills for laying concrete on the Rails to Trails from 3rd Street to the Railroad Bridge through the City. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Jeff Blosser noted it was a good weekend with the Voices of the Wind Pageant. There were people from out of State and Country that attended.

Sharon Haun thanked Jeff Blosser for transportation of guest to the Pageant, and the City for the two and half dump truck loads of wood chips along with all their hard work to assist the pageant. It was two good shows.

Mark Brooks thanked the City for helping out with the Pageant. Councilman Brooks presented a Resolution to rename the Bell Monument to the McKinley/Old Bell Monument. Mayor Steve Shepard noted this will be on the next agenda for consideration. Councilman Brooks inquired about moving the sign that has the local City groups on it, from its current location by the Bait Shop to the City Edge by Lexinet.

City Administrator Danny Matthews noted you must file with the County to run for an office with the City.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the County plans to have the Tax Sale of the Stella completed by late winter or early spring. Mayor Shepard noted the County has passed the Tax Revitalization effective January 2017 with an increase in value of \$10,000 rather than the original \$5,000.00. Mayor Shepard noted Department Head Reports will be presented on the first meeting in October. Mayor Shepard noted he will not be running for another Mayor term.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:


Danny Matthews City Administrator

