

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 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, Sharon Jones, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, Betty Hughey, and Sharon Haun. City Attorney Randy Heilman was also present. City Administrator Danny Matthews was absent. Others attending were: Robert Herbig, Glenda Tullio, Jo King, Larry Fischer, Jim Stechart, Diane Wolfe, Larry Heyka, Scott Allen, Dylan Allen, Marry Honeyman, Recreation Director Justin Carlson, Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige, Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Robert Herbig, City Lake Association President, suggested the Council table the Ordinance for City Lake Lease Transfers until after the Lake Association meeting this weekend, September 10, 2016. Mr. Herbig would like time to explain the changes to the Lake residence.

Jo King requested Council not raise the Water Rates and consider reevaluating the Water Line Ordinance and modifying the section where the owner is responsible for the maintenance of the Water Line from the Meter to the Main that runs under a public road.

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: A-6 from Rex Beasley to Rick and Patricia Pfeifley, Manhattan, KS.
G-E1 from Heath J. Nichols to Kenneth M. Reitz, Salina, KS.
J-20 Thomas Burkhardt, Susan Burkhardt, Kirk Maska, Nancy Maska, and Donna Kay Maska to Thomas Burkhardt, Susan Burkhardt, Kirk Maska, and Nancy Maska, Mulvane, KS.
- B. August 16, 2016 Minutes.
- C. August 16, 2016 to Current Appropriations.
- D. Planning and Zoning Recommendations.
Home Business Application – Ladybug Learning Center, Childcare, by Bethany Fuqua.
Sign Permit Application – TCT Solution Center – Digital Message Board to be place on existing sign pole at 924 W. Main.
- E. Vendor fee waiver request – St. Rose Catholic Church – Fundraiser for St. Rose Church Building Project, Food vendor at the Council Grove Fall Festival.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- F. Water Rates Ordinance – 3rd and Final Reading.
Mayor Steve Shepard noted he has received some talk about the increase in water rates pertaining to the County and City both raising taxes and an increase in water rates will only be a further burden on the community. Mayor Shepard purposed changing the Water Rates Ordinance from the overall 25% increase to a 10% increase for the 9,000 gal and below and a 25% increase for above 9,000 gal and leaving the minimum at \$18.56. Mark Brooks noted the rate increase was needed in order to replace water lines and improve the infrastructure. Jesse Knight noted all the increasing will make it difficult on the community. Jo King noted people on a fixed income are not receiving a cost of living increase and they will have problems with the additional expense. Ms. King advised she had previously heard about other Departments borrowing funds from the Water Department and felt that if the Water Department had enough money to loan to another Department that the budget for it should be fine. Mark Brooks made a motion to pass the Water Rates Ordinance as presented in the packet. Hearing no second the motion died. Jesse Knight made a motion to raise B Tier, up to 9,000 gal, by 10% and a 25% increase for above the 9,000 gal, with the minimum staying at \$18.56. Sharon Jones seconded the motion. After discussion Jesse Knight rescinded his motion and Sharon Jones agreed. Jeff Blosser made a motion to table the Water Rate Ordinance until next council to get feedback on the proposed change. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- G. Ordinance for City Lake Lease Transfers.
Mayor Steve Shepard noted the City Lake Advisory Committee agreed with the changes to the City Lake Lease Transfers. Mr. Herbig noted there was a lot of confusion among the City Lake residents pertaining to the changes in the Lake Lease Transfers. Mr. Herbig requested the Council table this to the next Council meeting as the next Lake Association meeting was happening this weekend, September 10, 2016, and he hoped the confusions could be cleared up. Mr. Herbig noted a lot of people were upset about the walk-through portion. Sharon Haun spoke for the Lake Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Haun noted the Committee was all for it but the confusions need to be cleared up first. Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted the walk-through is to check for code violations and make sure the house is up to date on the current codes. Jesse Knight made a motion to table the Ordinance for the City Lake Lease Transfers until next meeting. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Event W/Alcohol – Moved up in the Agenda

Sharon Haun noted the Community Event was for the Fall Festival Horseshoe Contest being held from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Fairgrounds Park on September 17, 2016. This is pending Chief John Stone approving the application. Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the Community Event with Alcohol on September 17, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 2-2 with Sharon Jones and Betty Hughey opposed, Sharon Haun and Jeff Blosser abstaining, Mayor Steve Shepard broke the tie with a yes vote. Motion carried 4-2.

B. Water Leak Complaint – 529 Chick St.

Glenda Tullio's bill for the Water Leak at 529 Chick St. amounted to \$424.61. Mark Brooks noted Ordinance number 16-124 clearly states it is the Owners responsibility to pay for the water leaks that are from the Main to their Meter. Glenda Tullio requested an explanation as to why it took three times for Derrick Craige to fix the water leak, and that if he knew the first one was not going to work then why didn't he fix it right the first time. Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige noted the Street Department was fixing a dip in the road and a leak was discovered then, so they put a wrap on it as a temporary fix. The Water Department got the report it was leaking again and made the decision to replace the entire line from the Main to the Meter. Derrick noted the line from the Main to the Meter feeds only one house. Miss. Tullio can pay \$25.00 per month to pay off the bill. Mayor Steve Shepard asked for a motion, upon hearing none noted the \$25.00 per month can be added to her water bill.

C. Council Grove Lake Association.

Robert Herbig, City Lake Association President, noted he will be explaining the Lake Lease Transfers at the upcoming Lake Association Meeting. Mr. Herbig noted he had received a few complaints and complements about the buoy placements and thanked the City crews for moving them.

D. Muskrat issues at the City Lake.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the City has received reports about a muskrat issues in the D section of the Lake and in the past a local trapper has taken care of it for the city. After discussion Jesse Knight made a motion to allow local trapper Dave Johnson to go after the Muskrat problem. Mark Brooks seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

E. City Lake Plumbing Ordinance – 1st Reading.

Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted the Lake Committee had no problems with plumbing being in structures separate from the house as long as they were 100 feet away from the Lake and the septic system was able to support the existing plumbing. If it was found the leaseholder had put in plumbing in outbuildings without permits and/or Council approval, and the plumbing could not be brought up to code, i.e. 100 feet away from water, and/or a septic system that can support the additional plumbing, the lines will be capped and they will be unable to use them. Robert Herbig questioned what would happen if someone had purchased a home and there were plumbing in a garage that was not approved by Council and had been installed by previous owners. Inspector Siegrist replied, if they could not bring it to the current code then it would be capped and they would be denied the current plumbing permit. However, if they could bring it to code then nothing would change. Mayor Steve Shepard noted this is the first reading and if there is nothing to change then it will be tabled for the second reading at the next meeting.

F. Blighted Structures – 312 W. Main and Railroad Bridge.

312 W. Main – Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted as of September 2, 2016 the order that was issued at a previous meeting has expired. City Attorney Randy Heilman noted there are delinquent taxes for the years of 2012, 2013, and 2014. The County is working on a Tax Sale sometime between November 2016 and January 2017. Mr. Heilman recommended waiting until the Tax Sale to see what happens. Jeff Blosser made a motion to take no action at this time. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Railroad Bridge – Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted there were holes in the fencing. Scott Allen, Rails-for-Tails, noted the Bridge is a Signature Bridge of the Nature Trails and he is working with the State on funding to repair and renew the Bridge. After discussion Inspector Siegrist noted the Railroad Bridge is safer than it was and we will need to keep an eye on it.

Mark Brook left the meeting at this time.

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

Mayor Steve Shepard noted there needs to be a "Scope of Work" to determine what the boundaries will be. Mayor Shepard also noted by City Ordinance anyone wanting to hook onto the City's Sewer line will need to be annexed into the City. After discussion Jesse Knight made a motion to have City Administrator Danny Matthews come back to next meeting with names of firms that would do the Scope of Work. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and 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 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 Attorney Randy Heilman noted there were no legal issues with how the City was currently handling things. After discussion Jesse Knight made a motion to have City Administrator Danny Matthews and Appropriation Clerk Megan Glotzbach return next meeting with a form that can be used for approval and frequency. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

I. Hay Crop Bids.

Two Hay Crop Bids were in the Packet for consideration. Robert Bacon for \$501.00 and Jason Loomis for \$7,885.00. Betty Hughey made a motion to accept Jason Loomis's bid of \$7,885.00. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

J. Babe Ruth Tournament Review.

Jeff Blosser gave the Babe Ruth Tournament Review. Councilman Blosser noted some cost should be spread out over both tournaments due to funds being used on both, (i.e. field and concisions prep.) Mayor Steve Shepard noted local merchants were happy with the added business. Councilman Blosser noted they should have a sales tax report after the first of the year to see the increase in sales tax during the tournaments. It is the decision of the Recreation Commission to take a year off due to the amount of work that was involved.

K. City Lake Advisory Committee Appointment.

Mayor Steve Shepard appointed Joyce Hutter to the Lake Advisory committee replacing Ed Hooper. Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the appointment. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Jesse Knight noted the Fall Festival is coming up this weekend September 17 and 18, 2016.

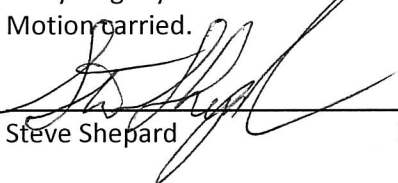
Jeff Blosser noted the Street Committee met and lined up the next projects they will be working on. Councilman Blosser noted the Recreation Committee met and are analyzing the data from the 2016 Pool Season to make changes next year.

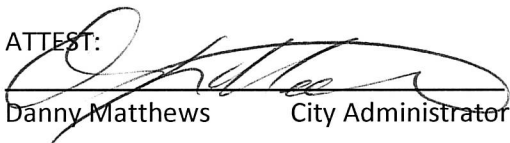
Sharon Haun noted with the Fall Festival this weekend the Voices of the Wind People performance will be taking place on September 17 and 18, 2016 at 8 P.M. at the Riverbed by the Riverwalk with the run backup being at the High School Auditorium. Councilwoman Sharon Haun noted the Rededication of the McKinley Bell Monument will be on September 17, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted 9/11 will be coming up and there will be a ceremony at the Fire House at 8:00 A.M. Mayor Shepard noted the Wounded Warriors Fishing Tournament will be happing this weekend on September 17 and 18, 2016 at the Council Grove City Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:

Danny Matthews City Administrator

