

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Jesse Knight, Mark Berner, Mark Brooks, Keith Wessel, and Sharon Haun. Councilperson Jeff Blosser was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman, Assistant City Attorney Steve Iverson, and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were: Rick Ensz, Doyle Barnes, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist Wilson, Robert Herbig, Larry Heyka, Marcus Hernandez, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Larry Wilson requested the Council take action regarding the stray cats on Columbia Street.

Doyle Barnes noted a neighbor on Columbia Street keeps feeding the stray cats and they are

becoming a health hazard. Mr. Barnes also requested the Council take action regarding the stray cats on Columbia Street.

Councilperson Jesse Knight noted they were under the impression the problem was taken care of and will look into it again.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- April 16, 2019 Minutes
- April 16, 2019 to Current Appropriations.
- City Lake Cabin Transfers: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Rick Ensz: Cooper Malone McClain Inc. – City Bonds**

Rick Ensz, representing Cooper Malone McClain, presented the Notice of Call Resolution and the Notice of Redemption for the Bonds through the Public Building Commission.

At this time the Council adjourned to have a Public Building Commission Meeting.

After completion of the Public Building Commission Meeting the Council resumed the regular City Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lake Association**

Robert Herbig, representing the Lake Association, noted the City Lake 4th of July Celebration will be held on July 6, 2019.

Larry Heyka noted there are several roads at the City Lake with potholes.

- **City Lake Tax Refund**

City Administrator Nick Jones noted the City has received a Tax Refund in the amount of \$527,744.51 for the years of 2014, 2015, and 2016. City Attorney Randy Heilman noted a new Ordinance and Claim Form will need to be approved and inquired if the Council wished to have the processing fee deducted from the refund amount. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to have the City Attorney draft a new Ordinance for the 2014, 2015, and 2016 Tax Refund with a \$10.00 per lot processing fee to be deducted off the refund amount. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Washunga Days Sales Tax Grant**

Councilperson Jesse Knight presented the Sales Tax Grant application for the Washunga Days Committee. The Committee is requesting \$19,000.00. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Sales Tax Grant application as presented. Councilperson Mark Brooks seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Utilities Committee Recommendation: Rate Analysis**

City Administrator Nick Jones noted the amount of revenue being generated will not cover improvements needed. City Administrator Jones also noted Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige is working on what improvements need to be done and that will need to be completed prior to starting the Rate Analysis process.

- **Council Grove Recreation: Seasonal Employee Appointments**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appoints the following to

Summer Seasonal Concessions at \$7.69/hour

- Jenna Blosser, Adam Brooks, Lauren Brown, Brylea Burnett, Mija Carlson, Lance Crabb, Elle Dragone, Eric Hale, Allison Hower, Koen Hula, Avery Lee, Justine Lee, Elizabeth Mascote, Kierni Mullen, Bricelynn Pearson, and Carly Wells.

Pool Manager at \$ 11.25/hour

- Katy Herde

Assistant Manager at \$9.91/hour

- Sam Kirk

Lifeguard at \$8.50/hour

- Abby Hodges

Field Maintenance at \$9.91/hour

- Blake Buchman, Jaxon Heath, Tyler Sisson

UIC/Train/Schedule at \$9.91/hour

- Jordan Carlson

Councilperson Mark Brooks confirmed all the appointments. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the confirmation and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

• **Council Grove Public Library: Nominee**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Candace Boardman as Library Board Trustee taking the place of Sharon Amos.

Councilperson Sharon Haun confirmed the Library Board Trustee appointment. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the confirmation and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Councilperson Jesse Knight noted Washunga Days has rented barriers in the past and was wondering if the City would like to partner with the Committee to purchase new barriers. The City would own and store the barriers and would be available for any activity the City wishes to use them for. Two options were presented for the Council to consider. Option 1 – 150 gray powder coated finish costing \$21,720.00. Option 2 – 150 raw material with no finish costing \$17,220.00. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to partner with the Washunga Day's Committee and purchase option 1 at a cost to the City of \$10,860.00. Payment will come out of Special Recreation. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilperson Mark Berner inquired if dirt has been moved yet at Custer Park. City Administrator Nick Jones noted the ground is too wet to move the dirt around yet.
- Councilperson Jeff Blosser – Absent
- Councilperson Mark Brooks requested the City look into putting Camp Sites at the City Lake.
- Councilperson Keith Wessel – Nothing
- Councilperson Sharon Haun – Nothing
- City Attorney Randy Heilman requested consent to move forward with filing suit in District Court for the remaining non-payments of City Lake Lease and Land Taxes. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to allow the City Attorney to move forward with the procedures to file suit in District Court for the remaining non-payments of City Lake Lease and Land Taxes. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- City Administrator Nick Jones – Nothing
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Councilperson Sharon Haun to the Chamber Board (replacing Keith Wessel), Councilperson Keith Wessel to the Police and Fire Committee (replacing Sharon Haun,) and Angie Schwerdtfeger to the Sales Tax Grant Committee (replacing Ralph Mock.) Councilperson Mark Berner confirmed the appointments. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the confirmation and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Debi Schwerdtfeger

Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones

City Administrator