

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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, Betty Hughey, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, and Sharon Haun. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Danny Matthews were also present. Others attending were: Kay Hutchinson, Mark Leydig, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo, Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige, Recreation Assistant Abby McCormick Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Transfer:
D-24 from Dennis H. and Janet Nelson to Charles A. and Gina D. Brewer, Derby, KS.
- B. May 3, 2016 Minutes.
- C. May 3, 2016 to Current Appropriations.
- D. Club Liquor License Renewal – Hays House Restaurant.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Neighborhood Revitalization Plan – 2nd Reading.

City Attorney Randy Heilman wanted to bring the Plan before the Council to review the changes that had been made as discussed in the last Council meeting. Attorney Heilman also informed the Governing Body of additional processing steps needed before the ordinance will be ready to approve. Jesse Knight noted that all three entities; County Commissioners, School Board, and City appear to be on board with the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

A. City Lake Dust Control Request.

Betty Hughey made a motion to table this request until the next Council Meeting. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

B. Employee and Eco Dev Committee Appointments.

C. Recreation Department – Concession Supervisor Appointment.

Mayor Steve Shepard appointed Diane Wolf to the Economic Development Committee; James Masters to Deputy Building Inspector at \$12.69/hour contingent on passing the drug test, background check and physical exam; Jacqueline Fox to Concessions Stand Manager at \$9.00/hour. Betty Hughey made a motion to confirm all appointments. Jessie Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

D. Salary Ordinance.

Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the salary ordinance. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

E. Water Rate Considerations.

Mayor Steve Shepard spoke on the recent Water Rate Work-study. Mayor Shepard hopes the council will move forward with the rate increase for the rural water rates. The rates would increase from \$3.05/ 1,000 gallons to \$4.63/ 1,000 gallons. Mark Brooks made a motion to increase the rural water rates to \$4.63/1,000 gallons. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion. Jeff Blosser noted the increase covers cost to run and upkeep the equipment. After discussion the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the city's water rates should be discussed further. Mark Brooks suggested the Utility Committee meet and bring a recommendation to the council at a later date.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted FEMA requested more information for the FEMA Grant to get a backup generator for the water plant.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted water rates have not been increased since 2005.

F. 15 Minutes Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege – Stella.

Jeff Blosser made a motion to go into a 15 minute executive session, attorney client privilege, to discuss the Stella. Those to attend are the full Council, City Administrator, Mayor, City Attorney,

and the Building Inspector. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Upon return to regular session no action was taken.

G. Stella Theatre.

Building Inspector Larry Siegrist requested a Show Cause Hearing Resolution. City Attorney Randy Heilman noted the "Show Cause Hearing" will be July 19, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the resolution creating the hearing for the Stella Theater. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Resolution 051716-01.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mark Brooks requested permission for use of the Armory for the Kansas Archeology Training Program Field School on June 16, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for their Summary Dinner. Councilman Brooks noted he would like the Council to attend and the Mayor to say a few words. Jeff Blosser made a motion to allow the Kansas Archology Field School to use the Council Grove Recreation and Event Center for their Summary Dinner on June 16, 2016. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor with Mark Brooks and Sharon Haun abstaining. Motion carried.

Jesse Knight inquired where the city was at in the budget preparation. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted the Department Heads have the worksheet and are preparing what they would like to request for the new budget next year. Councilman Knight gave his condolences to the Villalobos family.

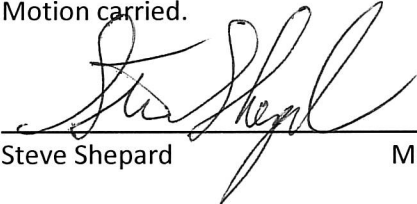
Jeff Blosser noted the Recreation Tournament Planning Committee will be meeting next week. Councilman Blosser noted the Street Committee will be meeting soon to discuss Chip and Seal, and a printer that will allow the city to print signs.

City Administrator Danny Matthews inquired if the 4th of July meeting was still on after the Council Meeting.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted there will be a Memorial Day service at Greenwood Cemetery at 10:00 A.M. on the hill by the flag pole. Mayor Shepard inquired if the City should contact someone about the Fairmount Creamery Cooling Tower, to find out what we should do with it.

ADJOURNMENT

Betty Hughey made a motion to adjourn. Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:

Danny Matthews City Administrator

