# REQUEST FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

# THE HONORABLE MAYOR, STEVE SHEPARD CITY OF COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS

WE, the undersigned, Council Members of the City of Council Grove, Kansas here respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Grove City Hall meeting room, Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the following agenda item:

Street Sweeper purchase discussion City Recreation Uniform needs 2017 Wage review 2018 Budget

Sharon Jones

# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

# TO COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID CITY THIS 25th DAY OF MAY 2017.

STEVĔ ŠHEPAŖD, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DANNY L. MATTHEWS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

# Special City Council Meeting Minutes May 25, 2017

This Special Meeting was held at the Council Grove City Hall at 205 Union St. Mayor Steve Shepard called the Special 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 and City Administrator Danny Matthews were also present. Others attending were: Andy Armstrong, Road and Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo, Recreation Director Justin Carlson, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

#### **City Recreation Uniform Needs**

Recreation Director Justin Carlson requested authority to purchase all Baseball and Softball Uniforms for the summer season costing \$4,500.00 to \$4,800.00. Recreation Director Carlson noted this purchase was budgeted for. After discussion Councilperson Jeff Barbo made a motion to approve the purchase of uniforms for the Baseball and Softball teams up to \$4,800.00. Councilperson Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Recreation Director Carlson noted Council Grove Recreation will be separating from the CVL league and will be creating a new league. The All Star Team for Babe Ruth Softball and Baseball are required to have matching uniforms with logos and there are six teams total. Recreation Director Carlson requested authority to purchase the uniform shirts for the Post Season All Star Teams costing up to \$4,104.00, with the players purchasing the pants and socks. After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the purchase of the uniform shirts for the Post Season All Star Teams up to \$4,104.00. Councilperson Mark Brooks seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Street Sweeper Purchase Discussion**

Andy Armstrong, representing Red Municipal Equipment, described the 2017 Ravo 5iSeries as presented in the packet for the Council to review, at a cost of \$206,000.00 after discounts. Councilperson Mark Brooks inquired how efficient it will be at picking up leaves. Mr. Armstrong noted the Ravo's vacuum system performs well in all areas including leaf pickup, mud, water, and sand. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted in the packet are Lease Schedules from Farmers and Drovers Bank showing options of six, eight, or ten year lease, with interest rates of 4.5%, 4.75%, and 5% respectively. Mr. Armstrong noted he can put together a leasing option though Red Municipal Equipment if it is requested, the interest would be 4% for seven years. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to purchase the Ravo 5iSeries Street Sweeper. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Councilperson Jesse Knight suggested tabling this until the next regular Council meeting to give time for the community to voice their options. Councilperson Jeff Blosser suggested to continue with the motion to purchase the street sweeper and to come back next regular Council meeting with financial options. Councilperson Mark Brooks amended his motion to include requesting from Farmers and Drovers to match interest rate for the lease options from Red Municipal Equipment. The second approved the amendment, after discussion the Council voted 5-1 with Councilperson Jesse Knight opposed. Motion carried.

# 2018 Budget

City Administrator Danny Matthews noted the Fire Contracts have not been completed as of yet and will affect the Fire Departments Budget. City Administrator Matthews reviewed all large upcoming projects to be budgeted into the 2018 budget. Road and Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo noted cemetery mowing is done every ten days. Councilperson Mark Books inquired if the City would consider going back to hiring a Cemetery Supervisor to maintain the cemeteries at a decent wage and assist the Road and Parks Department when needed, and requested more information on the cost of a full time employee with benefits.

# 2017 Wage Review

Mayor Steve Shepard noted during the previous year's budget the Council approved an increase to be figured into the budget to give wage increases to the employees. Councilperson Jesse Knight suggested having a qualifier in place to give wage increases as an incentive. Councilperson Mark Brooks noted someone who just started should not get the same wage increase as someone who has been an employee for years. Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted the Police Committee should look at raising wages for the officers and the other Committees should look at increasing wages for the Supervisors for the other departments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Moțign carried. Meeting adjourned.

Steve Shepard

Mayor

ATTEST:

Danny Matthews City Administrator