

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017

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, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, Betty Hughey, and Sharon Haun. Sharon Jones was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman was also present. City Administrator Danny Matthews was absent. Others attending were: Jason Booker, Adam Gasche, Doug Williams, Kay Hutchinson, Larry Fischer, Diane Wolfe, Larry Heyka, Jeremy Williams, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Doug Conwell, Kelly Judd, Lisa Boyer, Tom Nurnberg, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

HUGHES STREET VACATION HEARING

City Attorney Randy Heilman noted a petition was submitted by Eric Nelson for vacation of a portion of Hughes Street, south of and adjacent to Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 1, Huffaker's Addition of the City of Council Grove. City Attorney Heilman noted the connecting land owners have consented to the vacation of the portion of Hughes Street. There were none present who opposed the vacation of a portion of Hughes Street. Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to vacate the portion of Hughes Street as outlined by City Attorney Randy Heilman. Councilperson Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2186

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Jason Booker, Branch Manager of Emprise Bank in Council Grove, requested two hour parking signs during business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., be placed on Hockaday Street for one block, between Neosho Street and Mission Street. Mr. Booker noted students from the High School will park on that block during school and take up customer parking places for the business located in that area. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to place this on the next agenda and have Police Chief John Stone review the area and come back with a recommendation for where the two hour signs should be placed and how many.

Adam Gasche, representing the Knights of Columbus, requested to rent the Custer Elm Park for the first Sunday of every month for May 2017 to September 2017 for barbeque fundraisers. The money raised from the fundraisers will support scholarships, food pantry items, and other donations. After discussion Councilperson Betty Hughey made a motion to allow the Knights of Columbus to use the Custer Elm Park for the first Sundays every month from May 2017 to September 2017. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried. 5-0

Doug Williams informed the Council he and his son were contracted by the Kiwanis Club to mow the Custer Elm Park until May 24, 2017. Mr. Williams inquired if the city wished him to still mow or if the City would be taking over the mowing. After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to allow Mr. Williams and his son to mow Custer Elm Park until the end of his previous contract ended on May 24, 2017. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Road and Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo will notify Mr. Williams when the park needs to be mowed.

Angie Schwerdtfeger, representing Pride, announced that the Council Grove Pride will host a public information discussion about civic service Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Council Grove Christian Church. Erik Sartorius from the Kansas League of Municipalities will present general duties of serving on a City Council and former Council Grove Council Members have been invited to answer questions and the current Councilmembers are invited as well. Angie Schwerdtfeger noted this will not be a town hall meeting and no questions are to be asked about current City business and will not be entertained from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. April 18, 2017 Minutes.
- B. April 18, 2017 to Current Appropriations.

The Council voted 4-0 in favor with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried. 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

C. Stella Discussion.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted he has not received any updates from the County Commissioners but hopes to hear something soon. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to have City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Danny Matthews contact Brown Field to have an inspection done on the Stella to determine what possible funding could be award to the City of Council Grove for clean-up purposes should the Stella fall. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

D. 1st QTR 2017 Sales Tax Grant Committee Recommendations.

1st QTR 2017 Sales Tax Grant Committee Recommendations are as follows:

- Approved Council Grove/Morris County Chamber & Tourism for \$45,000.00
- Approved 2017 Gathering in the Grove for \$1,200.00
- Approved City of Council Grove 4th of July Celebration for \$4,000.00
- Approved Washunga Days for \$11,200.00
- Tabled until next meeting Council Grove Senior Center for \$800.00 due to questions being asked and no one present to answer them.

Councilperson Mark Books noted most of the Grant Requests are for events that promote the City. Councilperson Knight requested clarification on: A. what monies still need to be dispersed, B. how much will need to be transferred at the end of the year, and C. is there enough or will there be enough monies in the Fund to pay for all the current requests and what still needs to be dispersed to previous Grant Requests. City Administrator Danny Matthews was phoned in to give clarification on the current standings of the Sales Tax Grant Fund. After discussion Councilperson Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the 1st QTR 2017 Sales Tax Grant Committee Recommendations, taking out the Council Grove Senior Center. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Council Grove Lake Association.

Larry Heyka, representing the Council Grove Lake Association, noted the City has an obligation to have the dam inspected and maintained. Mr. Heyka noted the Lake Association is compiling a business directory of all the local business to distribute to the Lake Residents. Larry Fischer, Lake Resident, inquired if there was going to be a Spring Pride Cleanup at the City Lake. Mr. Fischer thanked the Street Department for resetting the Lake buoys. Mr. Fischer noted the dust control will be applied soon to one of the Lake roads.

F. Council Grove Lake Lease Revision.

A copy of the Lake Lease Revision is in the Packet for review by the Council. City Attorney Randy Heilman noted City Administrator Danny Matthews has a concern about some of the wording on the Lake Lease Revision on when the due date is for the tax payments. City Attorney Heilman noted it has been 10 days prior to the due date not 30 days to pay. Mayor Steve Shepard inquired if the "Grant of Authority" to the Council Grove Lake Association could be added to part C of the Lease. City Attorney Heilman noted it can be looked at to be added. Councilperson Mark Brooks expressed his concern on binding future Councilmembers to always allow the Grant of Authority to the Lake Association and suggested to add "by Council Approval" with the Grant of Authority. City Attorney Randy Heilman will take into consideration the Council's request and will bring another Lake Lease Revision to a future Council Meeting.

G. Employee Appointments.

Mayor Steve Shepard appointed the following employees:

- ▶ CGRD Employee Appointments
 - Field Maintenance @ \$9.91/hour
 - Tyler Sisson 2nd Year
 - Payton Lerner 3rd Year
 - Jordan Carlson 3rd Year
 - Summer Concessions Pool/Ball Fields @ \$7.69/hour
 - Hannah Konen, Sanaia Palmquist, Abby Hodges, Keely Honas, Jeric Heath, Andrew Irwin, Dryden Powell, Benny Bolen, and Mike Philo.
- ▶ Fire Department
 - Dallas Klepper – Contingent on passing the Drug Test.
- ▶ Travis Richardson – Completed Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention
 - Original Wage \$12.40
 - New Wage \$12.90 – rolled back to day after certification completion.
- ▶ James Masters – Passed the ICC Certification for Residential Building Inspector.
 - Original Wage \$ 12.69
 - New Wage \$13.46 – rolled back to day after certification completion.
- ▶ Brad Rathke to Maintenance 1A and Riverwalk Supervisor
 - Original Wage W/ Riverwalk \$12.74
 - New Wage W/ Riverwalk \$13.02 – to start day after 6th month anniversary date.

Councilperson Jeff Blosser confirmed all appointments. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried. 5-0

H. USD 417 Construction Fee Waiver Request.

Doug Conwell, representing USD 417, presented a letter to the City Council outlining several construction projects that will occur during the 2017 summer season. USD 417 is requesting all fees be waived for the 2017 summer construction projects. After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to waive all summer 2017 construction fees to USD 417 construction projects. Councilperson Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried. 5-0

I. Hay Bids.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted one hay bid has been received. The hay bid was from William Wells for \$600.00. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to reject the hay bid and repost the advertisement for the hay bids in the newspaper with opening of the new hay bids during the first meeting in June. Councilperson Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

J. Council Meeting Rescheduling – Falls on 4th of July.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the first meeting in July falls on the 4th of July Holiday and suggested rescheduling the meeting to the next day, Wednesday July 5, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion for a Special Meeting to be held at City Hall on July 5, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in place of the regular scheduled July 4, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilperson Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Councilperson Betty Hughey complimented Brad Rathke for the Riverwalk Maintenance.

Councilperson Mark Brooks noted he is glad to be back.

Councilperson Jesse Knight noted the Softball Tournament held last weekend was successful.

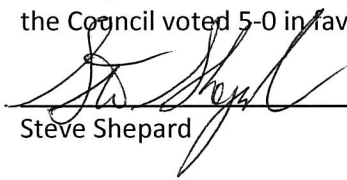
Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted the Lake Water and Sewer Committee will be meeting with a representative from BG to complete the Scope of Work needed for the City Lake Water and Sewer Project.

Councilperson Blosser noted the County will be starting Chip & Seal after June 1, 2017. The Street Committee will need to make a decision if the City would like the County to Chip & Seal some of the roads again.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted a Renewal of Retail Liquor License by the package for Santa Fe Liquor was submitted after the deadline and they would like it to be approved as the expiration date is before the next Council meeting. Councilperson Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the Renewal of the Santa Fe Liquor License by the Package application. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST: 
Danny Matthews City Administrator

