

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 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 Administrator Danny Matthews and City Attorney Randy Heilman were also present. Others attending were: Cynthia Engle, Deidra Knight, Phyllis Metzger, Rick Davis, Steve White, Larry Berner, Shirley Blosser, Jeff Wright, Andrea Powell, Brandy Villalobos, Diane Wolfe, Taylor Adams, Kay Hutchinson, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Craig McNeal, Megan Glotzbach, and Kelly Gaston.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Cynthia Engle noted the Alumni Association was having the 2016 CGHS Alumni banquet at the Armory on May 28, 2016. Ms. Engle requested the fee be waived for the use of the Armory. Jesse Knight made a motion to waive the fee to use the Armory for May 28, 2016. Sharon Jones seconded the motion. The Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Kay Hutchinson noted there will be a Legislative Coffee this Saturday 20, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. at the Court House.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS & APPROPRIATIONS

Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2016 regular City Council Meeting and appropriations as presented in the packet. Sharon Jones seconded the motion. The Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

B. TRANSFERS: C-34

Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the transfer of C-34 from William E. & Rose M. Ditto to Danell Lyn & Theodore C. Wilbur and Dane E. & Sharla R. Ditto, Wichita, KS. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

C. RIVERWALK USE REQUEST

Tabled to next meeting

D. STREET LIGHT REQUEST

Megan Glotzbach requested that a street light be put in at the end of the dead end portion of Kaw Street just west of South Neosho Street for security reasons. Megan Glotzbach noted that at night it gets very dark in back and that the street lights that are in the area are not able to get through due to the grove of trees in the area. Mark Brooks made a motion to have Chief Stone look into the issue and if approved, the city will write a letter of request to Westar. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

E. BILL YOUNG DONATION – RECREATION DEPT.

Jeff Blosser reported the Recreation Department received a donation of \$15,000.00 from the Bill Young Foundation. It is the recommendation of the Recreation Board to make all recreation activities free of charge for the 2016 activity year, excluding swimming lessons. Shirts would not be provided for the Volleyball and Basketball clinics. Any forms received after the deadlines will be assessed a \$10.00 penalty. Steve White, representing the Bill Young Foundation, noted that Bill Young would enjoy seeing the kids make use of the free activities. Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the recommendations. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. Mark Brooks noted that shirts could be provided if someone steps forward with a donation.

F. COUNCIL GROVE SOFTBALL CLUB REQUESTS AND CONSUMPTION APPLICATION.

Brandy Villalobos noted the Council Grove Softball Club would like to request the use of the baseball fields to host a tournament on April 16th, 2016. Jesse Knight noted that the club is giving back to the community, and are requesting approval for the calendar year, with the fees waived, to host games with the approval of the recreation department. An Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application was presented for approval. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted Chief Stone was okay with the application. Mark Brooks questioned if they have checked with the recreation director Justin Carlson about the April 16th game. Brandy noted that they have checked with Justin and he said it was okay. Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the request on condition that they have

liability insurance and that Chief Stone was okay with the Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application. Betty Hughey seconded the motion. Jeff Blosser noted that request like this should go through the Recreation Board first then be brought before the Council. The Council voted 6-0 in favor, with Jesse Knight abstaining. Motion carried.

G. FLINT HILLS WIND BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT REQUESTS AND CONSUMPTION APPLICATION.

Rick Davis requested use of the baseball field for a benefit/fundraiser for Flint Hills Wind on April 9th – 10th, 2016. An Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application was presented for approval, and the group has liability insurance. Rick Davis noted that this tournament was being held to raise money to go to an out-of-state tournament. Discussion included possible conflicts with spring training and approval from the recreation committee first. After discussion, Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the request. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

H. ADAMS LUMBER DISPLAY REQUEST.

Taylor Adams, Adams Lumber and Home Store, previously submitted a Building Permit Application to put up a permanent structure and display in the commons area between the street and the sidewalk. Building Inspector Larry Siegrist denied the application because the area is Highway 56 right-of-way. Utility easements also run through that area. After discussion, it was decided that Building Inspector Larry Siegrist should check with KDOT and take his findings to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was tabled to next meeting where the Planning and Zoning Commission will come back with a recommendation.

I. UTILITY DISCUSSION.

Mayor Steve Shepard asked for this to be added to the agenda due to items becoming stagnant. The items in question are: the U Ave. water line extension, the water plant generator, and 4-mile rural water connection. Mayor Shepard noted that he wished to see these items completed in a timely manner.

J. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS.

Building Inspector Larry Siegrist reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the zoning change from residential to semi-business/ industrial at 510 Custer Avenue and 0000 Glen Street. Inspector Siegrist noted that the residents in the area had no objections to the zoning change. Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Planning and Zoning recommendations for the zoning change at 510 Custer Avenue and 0000 Glen Street from residential to semi-business/ industrial. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

K. BLIGHTED STRUCTURES.

Building Inspector Larry Siegrist requested Public Hearings be set for April 5th, 2016 for two blighted properties. The first property is located at 124 N. Mission, owned by Janis Bosch Trust and Paul F. Bosh Trust. The second property is located at 303 Spencer, owned by John D. & Linda M. Cosgrove and Darrel W. & Rhonda L. Bryant. Betty Hughey made a motion to pass both Resolutions. Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried. These are Resolution Numbers 021616-01 and 021616-02

L. CITY LAKE INCOME/ EXPENSE REPORT.

City Administrator Danny Matthews presented the City Lake Income/Expense report for the Council approval. City Administrator Matthews noted that Total Income was \$423,675.00, Total Expenses were \$245,162.48, and Net Profit was \$178,512.52. Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the City Lake Income/Expense report. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II

None at this time.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

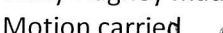
Mark Brooks requested blessing from the Council on behalf of the Kansas State Board Meeting to keep hosting the Babe Ruth Classic. Jesse Knight made a motion to host the Babe Ruth Classic Tournament as in the past. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor, with Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried.

Jesse Knight gave an update on the Economic Development Committee. Councilman Knight noted that he has been going to the school and local clubs to get their input on the Tax Rebate. Councilman Knight requested permission to talk with a county commissioner and someone from the school and come up with a cohesive agreement between the three organizations. Mayor Steve Shepard appointed Jesse Knight to the Tax Rebate


Jeff Blosser noted the Riverwalk committee will need to meet next week because the bids will be in tomorrow and will need to be looked over with a recommendation to be brought to the Council in March. Councilman Blosser noted that the Softball/Baseball Cal Ripken committee will meet tomorrow to prepare a player handbook.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:



Danny Matthews City Administrator

