

City Council Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 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: Sharon Jones, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, Betty Hughey, and Sharon Haun. Jesse Knight was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Danny Matthews were also present. Others attending were: Larry Fischer, Mary Myers, Jo King, Kay Hutchinson, Deidre Knight, Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo, Fire Chief Chris Blackledge, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

Jo King, Vice Commander of the District 4 American Legion, noted Veterans Day is November 11, 2016, and they will be laying flowers at Fallen Soldiers Memorial at the County Court House at 9:00 A.M. After the flower ceremony at the Fallen Soldiers Memorial there will be a ceremony at the tank by the Baseball Fields at 10:00 A.M. Miss. King inquired of Mark Brooks if the American Legion could use a sound system for the ceremonies. Mark Brooks noted the system that belonged to the Historical Society was not working well but they were welcome to use it. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted the City had a bullhorn that could be used if the sound system didn't work. Miss. King noted the American Legion will be having a "Boot Drive" by the stoplight on November 11, 2016 to raise money to get a plaque for the American Legion School Award to honor the recipients. Danny Matthews noted Miss. King will have to meet with Police Chief John Stone for the safety restrictions before doing the "Boot Drive" fundraiser around the stoplight.

Jo King noted there were many Consumption fee waiver request that are being approved and it seems like a loss of revenue for the City, also why have an Ordinance that is for some and not all.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Transfer: B-28 from John P. & Mindy A. Cleary to Harold M. and Belinda Chalker, Meade, KS.  
D-17 from Harold Jackson Bales, Jr. to Michael A. and Mary Kay Davignon, Bogue, KS.
- B. October 4, 2016 Minutes.
- C. October 4, 2016 to Current Appropriations.
- D. Community Events Consumption fee waiver request.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- E. Water Rate Error Update  
City Administrator Danny Matthews reported all accounts have been reviewed and credits have been applied. Customers should see corrections on their next bill.
- F. Neighborhood Revitalization Plan  
Mayor Steve Shepard noted the County has approved the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Jeff Blosser made a motion to adopt the County's plan and have City Attorney Randy Heilman work with the County attorney to complete the process. Mark Brooks seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2184

**NEW BUSINESS**

- G. Mother/Son Night Rec Center fee waiver request.  
Mary Myers, representing Mother/Son Night, noted the money raised will go to scholarships and books for the library. The Mother/Son Night will be Saturday October 22, 2016. Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Recreation Center fee waiver request. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor with Jeff Blosser abstaining. Motion carried.
- I. Road & Parks Committee Recommendations. – Moved up by Mayor  
Mayor Steve Shepard appointed Jeff Barbo to Road and Parks Superintendent at \$16.50/hour, Brad Martin to Road and Parks Foreman at \$15.00/hour, and Arthur Rathke to Maintenance I with less than six months experience at \$11.74/hour contingent on passing a background check, drug and alcohol testing, and a physical exam. Betty Hughey confirmed the appointment. Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.  
Road and Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo reported on two items that he will need authorization to bid on. The first being a Boom Truck that would be helpful for many projects, the current bid is \$5,200.00. The second one is either a Dump Bed or a 2008 Ford F550 Dump Truck. The Dump Bed will fit into a 1 Ton Truck Bed and function as a Dump Truck, the Dump Bed is removable and can be taken out with little trouble, and the current bid is \$750.00. The Dump Truck is the first option as this would allow for

taller sides to be built on the dump bed. After discussion it was discovered the Dump Truck is non-operational with engine issues. Betty Hughey made a motion to allow City Administrator Danny Matthews to bid on the Boom Truck and the Dump Bed up to \$12,000.00 and \$4,000.00 respectively. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Road and Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo noted the Sweeper is out of order and will need to be fixed or replaced. Jeff Blosser made a motion to fix the sweeper to the prior condition. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- J. Vehicle Bid – Water Department Blazer that City Recreation has been using - Moved up by Mayor One Vehicle bid from Ray Hall for \$1,200.00 was in the packet for consideration. Mark Brooks made a motion to accept the bid. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- H. Ladder Truck Discussion. – This item was moved down until Fire Chief Chris Blackledge was present. Fire Chief Chris Blackledge noted the other Ladder Truck that is owned by the Fire Department has broken down many times and the pump is out of date and can no longer be fixed if it breaks down in the future. Chief Blackledge noted he has spoken with the Wamego Fire Department about a truck they own which they still use and is very reliable. After discussion Betty Hughey made a motion to grant authority to City Administrator Danny Matthews and Chief Blackledge to inspect and bid on the ladder truck. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Jeff Blosser noted the League Conference was very informative and came back with new ideas.

Sharon Haun noted the League Conference was good and there were great workshops.

Mark Brooks noted the League workshops were excellent, that he attended one about blighted houses and it was very informative.

City Attorney Randy Heilman noted Topeka is tightening up their rules on Pit Bulls and encourages the city to not loosen up on the Pit Bull Ordinance.

City Administrator Danny Matthews thanked Betty Hughey for the balloon lift-off for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Mayor Steve Shepard requested changing the Public Works Work-Study on October 24, 2016 to a Special Meeting to allow the Council to vote on something if need be. Mark Brooks made a motion to change the Public Works Work-Study to a Special Meeting discussing the Public Works. Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

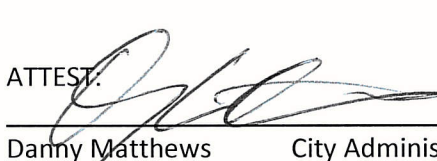
### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
Steve Shepard

Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Danny Matthews

City Administrator

