

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Jesse Knight, Mark Berner, Mark Brooks, Keith Wessel, and Sharon Haun. Council member Jeff Blosser was absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman, Assistant City Attorney Steve Iverson and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were: Kay Hutchinson, Aron Dody, Deidre Knight, Lloyd Florence, Marlene Florence, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Marcus Hernandez, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC HEARING – VACATING ALLEY IN MCPHERSON ADDITION- L. FLORENCE

City Attorney Randy Heilman reviewed the area to be vacated. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve vacating an alley 20 feet in width lying between block 1 and block 2 in the McPherson's Addition and the Ordinance stating so. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2212

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Aron Dody, representing USD 417, requested the Council approve a variance for a digital sign and waive the fee. The sign will be placed at the Council Grove Elementary School. Mr. Dody presented the Council with a drawing and the planned location for the sign. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to approve the sign variance and waive the fee. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried. 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- January 15, 2019 Minutes.
- January 15, 2019 to Current Appropriations.
- City Lake Cabin Transfers: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Blighted Structures – Resolutions**

The Resolutions are included in the Packet for the Council to review. City Attorney Randy Heilman reviewed the Resolutions for the Blighted Structures as discussed during a prior meeting. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the Resolutions as presented. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Resolution # 020519-01 & 020519-02

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lake Association**

None

- **Washunga Day's**

Deidre Knight, representing the Washunga Day's Committee, noted the 2019 Washunga Days will be held on June 21 – 23. The following are some changes to the 2019 Washunga Days as well as the requested items.

- The Flea Market will be moved to the High School.
- The Car Show will be moved to the Christin Church across from Ray's.
- Some of the request are to reserve the Riverwalk Park from June 20 – 23 for set up and the event, cooperation with the City Crews, use of the softball field for a game on Sunday, allow the Washunga Day's Button Swim, and approve the events application that is yet to be submitted to the City.

After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve all the request and work with the Washunga Day's Committee with anything else they may need. Councilperson Sharon Haun Seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Pride Committee: Resolution for Support**

The Resolution is included in the Packet for the Council to review. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Resolution # 020519-03

- **Lake Committee Recommendation**

City Administrator Nick Jones reviewed the Lake Committee Recommendation. It was then suggested to move on to the City Lake Leasehold Boundary Pin Ordinance due to it being connected with the Lake Committee Recommendation.

- **Ordinance Approval – City Lake Leasehold Boundary Pins**

City Attorney Randy Heilman noted one item needs to be added to the Ordinance stating the City will not determine who is responsible for the Boundary Pin cost. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the addition as noted. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. Ordinance # 2213

- **Superior Systems: CPI Rate Increase**

City Administrator Nick Jones reviewed the current and new rate. Councilperson Mark Brooks inquired if there was a way of lowering the rate and suggested tabling this discussion until next Council Meeting to allow time for the City Attorney to review the contract. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to table the Superior Systems CPI Rate Increase until next regular Council Meeting. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **City Audit**

City Administrator Nick Jones reported all of the local Auditors have been contacted and only one submitted a bid for the 2018 City Audit. The bid was from Cindy Jenson, CPA at a cost of \$6,750.00. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to accept the bid from Cindy Jenson, CPA for \$6,750.00. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Councilperson Jesse Knight noted the City needs to come up with a plan regarding the Stella. Councilperson Knight inquired about the ball field fencing that was removed. City Administrator Nick Jones noted the City Crews will be picking them up once the land is dry.
- Councilperson Mark Berner – Nothing
- Councilperson Jeff Blosser – Absent
- Councilperson Mark Brooks requested the flat work Ordinance be expedited. Councilperson Brooks inquired about a door that is in bad repair and boarded up windows on Main Street. Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted with the International Property Maintenance Code there is a one year time limit for windows to remain boarded. Building Inspector Siegrist noted no letter has been sent to the owners of the boarded windows stating the time limit. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to instruct Building Inspector Larry Siegrist to write a letter to the building owners instructing them to repair the door and windows with a one year time limit. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.
- Councilperson Keith Wessel noted the Lake Association informed him they are moving forward with gathering the required information for new boating safety regulation for the City Lake.
- Councilperson Sharon Haun inquired if anything could be done regarding spring water running into the street. City Administrator Nick Jones noted nothing could be done.
- City Attorney Randy Heilman – Nothing
- City Administrator Nick Jones noted PEC will start electrical review kickoff at the ball park soon. City Administrator Jones noted a pedestal will be placed at the Girl Scout Cabin to support the electrical prior to tear down. City Administrator Jones noted the Ben I. Smith breaker box was blown when it fell over due to the electricity not being shut off. Councilperson Mark Brooks suggested upgrading the boxes since they have to be replaced anyways. City Administrator Jones reported the City applied and was awarded a grant for the North Riverwalk Trail Extension at an 80/20 cost split. The City also applied and was approved for an Alternative Sidewalk Grant for the Riverwalk at an 80/20 cost split.
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger inquired about the Work-Study with the USD 417. City Administrator Nick Jones noted he is still waiting to hear back from the school.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones City Administrator