

City Council Meeting Minutes
January 17, 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: Sharon Jones, Jeff Blosser, Betty Hughey, and Sharon Haun. Jesse Knight and Mark Brooks were absent. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Danny Matthews were also present. Others attending were: Kay Hutchinson, Larry Fischer, Fred Miller, TerryAnna Albright, Dale Weimer, Rhonda Bryant, Darrel Bryant, Jason Booker, Diane Wolfe, Jim Reagan, Larry Heyka, Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige, Recreation Director Justin Carlson, Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Craig McNeal, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Betty Hughey made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Jones seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- A. January 3, 2017 Minutes.
- B. January 3, 2017 to Current Appropriations.

The Council voted 3-0 in favor with Councilperson Jeff Blosser abstaining. Motion carried. 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

C. Washington St. "Speed Limit Lowering" review.

Mayor Steve Shepard opened the floor for the public to give their opinion on the Washington Street speed limit lowering.

The public who spoke against the 20mph speed limit were Fred Miller, Jim Reagan, Dale Weimer, Darrel Bryant, and TerryAnna Albright. Their reasons included: Washington Street is an EMS route and they may be stuck behind someone driving 20mph and delay the EMS vehicle getting to and from the Hospital; the cross country team run throughout town and they may also run out in the country; and police officers can monitor Washington Street more to catch any speeders.

The public who spoke in favor of the 20mph speed limit was Jason Booker. His reasons were: there is only an 11 sec difference from 20mph to 30mph when traveling from Main to the Hospital, and that does not make much of a difference, and no one who objects the 20mph lives on Washington Street.

After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to return the speed limit on Washington Street to 30mph. Councilperson Betty Hughey seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

D. Public Works Wage Review.

City Administrator Danny Matthews noted this is not a wage increase for 2017, but an incentive steps to help keep employees. It is also not an ordinance but a guide. Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted the Road & Parks Department did not have a step system in place to encourage employees to obtain more experience and education. Councilperson Betty Hughey made a motion to accept the Public Works Wage guide. Councilperson Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

E. City Recreation Appointments.

Mayor Steve Shepard appointed Milayni Mullen and Lauren Carlson to Part-time Scorebook/Scoreboard Operators, On Site Staff/Gym Maintenance @ \$7.69/hour with an employment term from January 2017 to March 2017 with 10 hours/week. Councilperson Betty Hughey confirmed the appointment. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the confirmation and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

F. CG Rotary Club Request.

City Attorney Randy Heilman on behalf of the Council Grove Rotary Club made a request to change the date and location of the duck race, which in the past has been held on the Riverwalk during Washunga Days. The proposed date is the same day the City hosts its Independence Day celebration. The location will be the Council Grove Aquatic Center using the curly water slide. Rotary will make a \$100 donation to the Aquatic Center as a thank-you. After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the request. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

G. City Lake Advisory Recommendations.

Councilperson Sharon Haun noted the Lake Association presented the Lake Advisory Committee with a dust control recommendation. The Lake Association would like to test the dust control on High View Point Road with the residents of High View Point paying the cost. Councilperson Sharon Haun noted there were a few things that concerned the Lake Advisory Committee in the MSDS. Larry Fischer, Lake Association, noted the product they are recommending is the only one that emulsifies with water, and once it solidifies it will not move even on a rainy day. The product would be placed in the spring after the completion of graveling and final grading. Mr. Fischer noted the Lake Association is also recommending posting a speed limit of 15mph. Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted once you place the product the road cannot be regraded without needing to be reapplied. It would be safe around the water and should be done on a case by case basis. Mayor Steve Shepard inquired if the City Attorney would need to draft a contract stating that the cost and maintenance would be coming from the residents of the road in question. Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to have City Attorney Randy Heilman draft an agreement for the residents of I Section for dust control. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the speed limit change request.

H. William Skinner Proposal.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the recently appointed committee, whose focus is the water and sewer possibility for the City Lake, may be the ones who need to look over the proposal. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted Mr. William Skinner would like to do an independent study on the water study for the City Lake at no cost to the City. Mayor Shepard noted the City Lake Water and Sewer Study Committee needs to meet, and after discussion, it was decided the Committee would meet on January 31, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. and the other members not present will be contacted to check availability. City Attorney Randy Heilman noted no agreement needs to be entered into.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted there were positive comments for the Street Crew that had prepared for the potential ice storm.

Councilperson Sharon Haun noted the Lake Advisory Committee compiled a summary of important lake rules and requested to discuss it at the next Council Meeting.

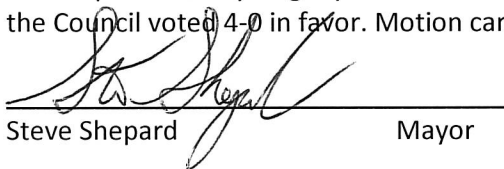
City Attorney Randy Heilman noted there are 12 City Lake Tax Defaults remaining out of the original 45.

City Administrator Danny Matthews noted Conrad Fire is looking at new quotes to fix the ladder truck, and will return with an option possibly around 28 to 30 thousand to make all repairs. It may be a month to get parts and two weeks to a month to be completed.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the City got lucky with missing the ice storm and he wasn't concerned about a power outage due to there being a generator at the Water Plant and having water still available.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Betty Hughey made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.


Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:

Danny Matthews City Administrator

