

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Keith Wessel, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Sean Honer, Larry Siegrist, Sharon Haun also present were City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Bill Halvorsen. Others attending were Marcus Hernandez, Mindy Andres, Harry Maddux, Pastor Billy Kryger, Ryan McDonald, Mark Brooks, Rick Farr, and Aron Dody

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rick Farr asked the Council what the background is of the new City Inspector. City Administrator Nick Jones said the new inspector if appointed will be Dan Drube and he has worked with Jones Electric at Fort Riley and is the Special Projects Manager and OSHA and safety inspector for US Stone. Mr. Farr said it is good to hear he has worked for Jones Electric.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- May 17, 2022, Minutes
- May 17, 2022, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- **Ordinance Change to Allow Ducks: Follow Up**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked the Council if anyone had spoken to them regarding changing ordinance #1958 to add ducks. Councilperson Sharon Haun said she thinks they should be added sense we allow chickens. Councilperson Jason Booker also said he thought we should allow ducks. Councilperson Larry Siegrist said he did not have an issue with adding ducks, but in this situation the location of the pen in the front yard he would not be in favor of it. Councilperson Mark Berner, Keith Wessel and Sean Honer agreed with Councilperson Siegrist. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sharon Haun to allow ducks. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Failed 2 – 4 with Councilpersons Berner, Wessel, Honer, and Siegrist voted against it.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Aron Dody – USD417**

USD417 Superintendent Aron Dody spoke to the Council regarding a partnership with the City of Council Grove to have a School Resource Officer. Dr. Dody said that House Bill 2567 provided state funding for school safety. Dr. Dody said the School Resource Officer would have a presence at all 3 schools with the focus at the JR/SR High School sense that is where they have a majority of the issues. The funding would come from \$25,000 from the State grant and \$25,000 from the School District with no cost to the City of Council Grove. Dr. Dody said the application has a short turn around and would need approval from the City Council to move forward. Council Grove Police Chief Shawn Wangerin said he thought we should not let the opportunity pass and it would be good to work with the School District and have more of a presence in the schools. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to the partnership with USD417. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail Committee Request: Jan Sciacca & Harry Maddux**

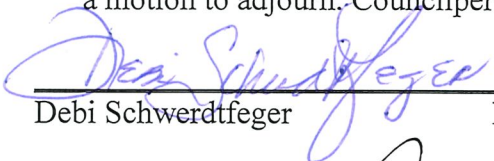
Mark Brooks and Harry Maddux requested the use of the Riverwalk Park, screen on the Riverwalk Amphitheater stage, Closer of parking in the 100 block of Main Street for Saturday, July 16th so no cars can park to allow for the Bank Robbery and barricades to block off the parking, Detour/Closure of the 100 and 200 blocks of Main Street from 6:30 – 7:30pm. In addition to one block North and one block South of Main Street. Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger said she was approached by a few business owners in the 100-block concerned with the 100 block not allowing parking all day Saturday and the effect it may have on their business. Council said they understood the concern but said in the past that was the case when Washunga Days took place on Main Street. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the requests of the Gun Fight Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: Marc & Billi McGee, J-18**
 City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the City Lake Committee to deny a boundary line adjustment request of 96.5 feet for a 40' x 60' storage shed for Marc and Billi McGee, J-18. Marc and Billi McGee were present and requested that we continue to work at making something work. Councilperson Sean Honer suggested changing the size and direction of the structure to take up less frontage along the road and present it to the Lake Committee again, so both sides can feel good about the request. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to accept the recommendation from the Lake Committee to deny the request for J-18. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Johnathan Mayhill**
 The Police and Fire Committee recommend the City Council approve the appointment of Johnathan Mayhill to full-time Class A Officer at a payrate of \$19.75 per hour effective on June 8th, 2022. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Ordinance Establishing Qualifications of the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney**
 City Attorney Bill Halvorsen presented an ordinance establishing the qualification for the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Council Grove, Kansas. City Attorney Halvorsen noted that the ordinance allows the city to hire from outside Morris County and any compensation to the Assistant City Attorney will be paid by the City Attorney until such time the Assistant City Attorney takes over the position. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0, Ordinance #2252
- **Office Committee Rec: Appointment of Assistant City Attorney: Brian Henderson**
 The Office Committee recommends the City Council approve the appointment of Brian Henderson to Assistant City Attorney with any expenses paid by the City Attorney with no additional cost or expense to the city. Effective July 1, 2022, Mr. Henderson will take over duties as the City Attorney at a payrate of \$2,600 monthly. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointment of Brian Henderson. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 6 – 0
- **Building and Trades Board Recommendations: Ordinance Amendments**
 City Attorney Bill Halvorsen presented proposed amendments to city code sections 4 – 109, 4-104, 4-107, 4-108, and 4-109. City Attorney Halvorsen said these changes are related to licensing periods going to annually to biannually. Increased fees recommended by the Building and Trades Board and required Framers to be licensed. Ryan McDonald felt that changes did not define Framers and did not provide guidance. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove residential and journeyman under Framers and just have Framers listed under the fees for licensing. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0, Ordinance #2253
- **Office Committee Recommendation City Inspector: Dan Drube**
 The Office Committee recommends the City Council approve the appointment of Dan Drube to City Inspector at a payrate of \$22.00 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon passing a drug/alcohol screening, physical and background check. Effective start date of June 15, 2022. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the recommendation from the Office Committee. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Executive Session - City Lake**
 Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to go into executive session for attorney client privilege regarding the City Lake, which included the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, Assistant City Attorney and City Administrator for 30 minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0
 Upon returning to regular session no action was taken.

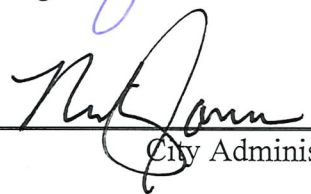
GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – said new Wyatt Miller with the Street and Parks Department always has his head down working. Good Job!
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – Asked about the Flag Poles at Sunny Slope and if anything was going to be done with them. City Administrator Jones said the Legion redone the flags poles at Greenwood and was not aware of the plans for Sunny Slope.
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** - N/A
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – N/A
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – inquired if the guns used at the Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail will be checked for safety. Councilperson Haun, who is on the committee, said there are people who have attended safety school that will check the guns. Noted: Jeff Blosser is the Grand Marshall for Washunga Days, Christy Davis is checking into the progress of the next round of Base Grant the city applied for, and said there is a group who would like to show movies at the Amphitheater for Friday movie nights.

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0



Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 

Nick Jones City Administrator

