

City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2021

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Keith Wessel, Mark Brooks, Sharon Haun, Mark Berner, and Larry Siegrist. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Susan Harris, Deidra Knight, Larry Berner, Sean Honer, Lindsey Hickman, Diane Wolfe, Kelley Judd, Scott Allen.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- May 18, 2021, Minutes
- May 18, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

Motion carried 6 – 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **North Riverwalk Extension – Update:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones reported that rain has slowed the process, but a large portion of sidewalk has been poured. Lighting for the project is expected to start sometime in the middle to end of June.
- **Riverwalk Amphitheater - Update:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones reported that Creed Construction has completed almost all the concrete work at the Amphitheater. The Streets and Parks crews are working on hauling dirt and will start cleaning up in preparation for the upcoming events. City Administrator Nick Jones also informed the City Council the Evergy has install the power for the Amphitheater stage and the Jason Zeigler will be installing the pedestal for the once the areas dries from the rain.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Chamber of Commerce Request: Washunga Days Parade & Fireworks Show**  
Susan Harris with the Chamber of Commerce requested that the city allow main street through town be closed to allow for the annual Washunga Days Parade. Susan Harris informed the Council that a request has been sent to Joe Palic with the state to get their approval as well sense it is a state highway.  
Susan Harris also requested use of the eastside of Riverwalk for the Washunga Days fireworks show. City Administrator Nick Jones noted that he spoke with Jason Zeigler about covering the new sidewalk if they are used to show fireworks off. Councilperson Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the request to allow the Washunga Days Parade and Fireworks Show. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Community Events Application: Route 56 LLC.**  
Sean Honer with Route 56 LLC. requested the use of Riverwalk Park for a car show and movie at the new amphitheater on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Sean Honer hopes this will become an annual event. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to allow the use of the Riverwalk Park for the car show and movie on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Story Media Presentation: Deidra Knight & Lindsay Hickman**  
Deidra Knight and Lindsay Hickman presented the City Council with expanded services to their current contract to include working with news media and other advertising agencies to promote Council Grove, create a booking platform and manage bookings for the Neosho Riverwalk Amphitheater, manage operations and execution of Neosho Riverwalk Amphitheater events, coordinate and promote special events, develop and design promotional materials, develop and issue press releases and newsletters, crisis information, build public trust, increase public awareness of city entities along with their current role with maintain the City's websites and provide content for the City's social media pages. The current contract cost \$1,000 a month. The additional services would

cost and additional \$2,000 a month for a total of \$3,000 a month running through the end of 2021. Councilperson Jason Booker made motion to approve the expanded contract with Story Media for the additional \$2,000 a month. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **City Lake Annexation Committee Recommendation: Contracting – Jay Newton**  
City Administrator Nick Jones presented a contract to the City Council for services provided by Jay Newton to consult and assist with the creation of a plan for the annexation of the Council Grove City Lake. Jay Newton will be paid \$500 per day plus mileage. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the contract with Jay Newton at a cost of \$500 per day plus mileage. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **TCT Proposal: Fire Station Camera System:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones presented a proposal from TCT to provide a camera system at the City’s Fire Station in the amount of \$4,398.72. City Administrator Nick Jones explained that a camera system was needed to ensure the security of the Fire Station. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the proposal from TCT in the amount of \$4,398.72 from infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation:**  
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Dylan Webb to the position of part-time Police Officer at a payrate of \$13.86 per hour contingent on him passing a background check, physical and drug and alcohol screening. Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Police and fire Committee Recommendation: Police Car Replacement**  
City Administrator Nick Jones presented the City Council with information regarding purchasing a 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle for \$18,000 from Cheney Police Department to replace Police Chief Shawn Wangerin current vehicle, which has multiple mechanical issues. City Administrator Nick Jones also noted that City did not purchase a vehicle last year do to covid and the uncertainty of the financial impact. The 2020

#### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

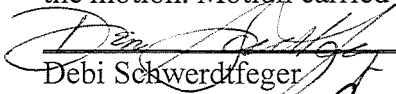
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – asked the Council about holding a local concert with local musicians to mark the opening of the new Amphitheater and having Max Byram help with the event. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to hold the event on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – asked the Council about getting bids to repair the under wash on Belfry and Conn. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to seek bids for the repair. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0. Councilperson Mark Brooks also informed the city council that the Recreation Committee had meant and have a chance to host a State Babe Ruth tournament on July 22 – 26. Councilperson Mark Brooks informed the Council that it would cost \$1,200 to be paid to the Babe Ruth organization to host the tournament. Councilperson Mark Brooks also said he was able to get a hotel room for free for the director of Babe Ruth along with having the host team provide the mean the first night. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to have the Babe Ruth tournament and pay the \$1,200 to host it. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – asked the Council if they would be willing to deed a small piece of property located at 00000 West Main street to Ryan McDonald sense it adjoins his property and have Ryan McDonald cover the transfer of deed cost. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to deed the property to Ryan McDonald at

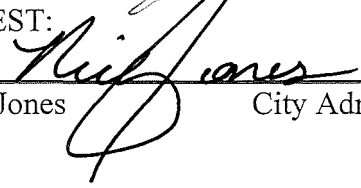
his expense for the transfer of deed. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion Carried 6 - 0

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – set a special meeting for the City Administrators yearly evaluation on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0

  
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Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Nick Jones City Administrator

