

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 03, 2022

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, Deidra Knight, Jesse Knight, Brian Brown

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jesse Knight representing the Washunga Days committee requested several items for the event on June 17th & 18th. Mr. Knight requested use of the entire Neosho Riverwalk Park for the event, blocking off the new northeast riverwalk to pedestrian traffic for the fireworks show, closure of main street for the Washunga Days Parade with the Council Grove Police Department leading the parade, City Administrator Jones said the Washunga Days committee would need to submit a request to KDOT for permission to close Main Street for the parade as it is a state highway. Mr. Knight also requested barricade fence and help, use of city owned spider boxes for hookups, City sponsored free swim, spraying of mosquitoes, mowing and groundskeeping prior to festival, peddlers permit restriction. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve the requested items. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker
Motion Carried 6 – 0

Mr. Knight inquired about the possibility of the city purchasing approximately 250ft of 6 – 8-foot black fence to block access to the backstage area. City Administrator Jones said he would discuss and get bids with local contractors for the fence install. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the request with a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 from infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer, Motion Carried 6 – 0

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- April 19, 2022, Minutes
- April 19, 2022, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

City Lake Committee Recommendation:

City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the City Council that the City Lake Committee recommends the City Council approve a variance request of 6' to the 100' high water setback for the construction of a deck for Rusty and Anjenette Heins, B-40. The variance for the deck will not restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins or access to the area. The neighboring leaseholds are aware of this request and have indicated such in writing. After discussion Councilperson Larry Siegrist made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 6 – 0

Police and Fire Committee Recommendation:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation of the Police and Fire Committee to appointment Juan Sanchez to Volunteer Firefighters for the Council Grove Fire Department. This appointment is contingent on passing a physical, drug/alcohol screening, background check. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve her appointment. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the appointment of Juan Sanchez. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

Alcohol Consumption and Sale at Community Events Application – Council Grove Rotary Club:

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the City Council the request from the Council Grove Rotary Club to sale alcohol at the upcoming Washunga Days Festival on June 16th from 5pm – 11pm, 17th from 3pm – 1am, and 18th 11am – 1am and asked for approval of

their Alcohol Consumption and Sales at Community Events Application. City Administrator Jones noted that all attendees will be required to show ID and will receive a wrist band in order to consume alcohol. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the request from the Council Grove Rotary Club. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

Council Grove Public Library Trustee Board Recommendation:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation from the Council Grove Public Library Trustee Board to submit the name of Morgan Hemmy as a Trustee nominee. If appointed, she will fill Mary Ann Wendel’s spot on the Board. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve her appointment of Morgan Hemmy as a Trustee. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0 with 1 assentation from Councilperson Jason Booker.

Recreation Department Seasonal Employee Appointments:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the following seasonal employees.

- **Pool Manager at \$11.00**
 - Katy Herde
- **Asst. Pool Manager \$9.91**
 - Lauren Carlson

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist

- **Lifeguard – 1st year at \$8.25**
 - Adeiah Heffner Lifeguard
 - Casaiia Mullen Lifeguard
 - David Seymour Lifeguard
 - Elizabeth Armstrong
 - Koen Hula Lifeguard
 - Lillian Zeigle

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 - 0

Lifeguard – 2nd year at \$8.50

- Allison Hower
- Bree Hilton
- Gavin Mills
- Hailey Hewitt
- Karly Goodell
- Madilyn Hilton
- Myles Gant

A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 6 - 0

Lifeguard – 3rd year at \$9.00

- Keeley Honas

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 - 0

Concessions at \$7.69

- Addison Craige

- Brenah Cannon
- Brycen Palmquist
- Cienna Good
- Dax Myers
- Drew Buchman
- Easton Hanson
- Emily Bacon
- Finn Gant
- Haylie Grant
- Hollyn Zeigler
- Jacy Koch
- Jessica Filken
- Jimmy Wendel
- Kierni Mullen
- Kohin Swalley
- Lauren Brown
- Linkin Sherwood
- Madison Brown
- Makenzie Grant
- Marlee Gant
- Mason Wilkens
- Maxton Villalobos
- Paul Bessmer
- Rylee Spaulding

A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0

General Maintenance at \$9.91

- Mija Carlson
- Braden Reddick

A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

General Maintenance at \$7.69

- Jace Goodman

A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

Executive Session - City Lake

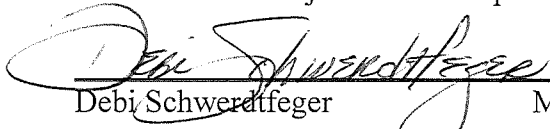
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to go into executive session for attorney client privilege regarding the City Lake, which included the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator for 30 minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0, upon returning to regular session no action was taken.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – inquired about the mess located at Chris Blackledge house and if there were any plans on getting it cleaned up. City Administrator Jones informed the Council that City Inspector James Masters was in the process of writing up violations and send him a notice in the mail.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A

- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Thanked the city crews for fixing Washington Street
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked the city crews for fixing Washington Street
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – City Administrator presented to the Council a Joint Resolution between Osawatomie, Ottawa, Herington, and Council Grove to work together on the development of the Flint Hills Trail. Mayor Schwerdtfeger read the resolution to the Council and appointed Administrator Jones and Councilperson Wessel as the two city officials to serve on the working group for the Flint Hills Trail. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- Administrator Jones presented a request from the Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail Committee to use the Soccer building power and water for one of the events special guests. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sharon Haun. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 - 0
- Administrator Jones presented a request from Cami Sanromani owner of the Wooden Spoon to have a snow cone trailer parked in front of her store on Saturday the May 28th. After discussion the Council agreed that they would limit the snow cone trailer to occupy 2 parking spots. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- Administrator Jones presented to the Council a new design from Story Media for the water tower that does not include the city’s badge logo. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve all black logo to go on the water tower. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said she received complaints that someone maybe possibility living in the former Bowman Building on Main Street. Administrator Jones informed the Council that City Inspector James Masters had inspected the building and that the owners were not living in the building. Also, inquired if the City Inspector was inspecting and enforcing the city’s Vacant Building ordinance and if fines were being sent out to buildings that are not in compliance with the Vacant Building ordinance.

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


 Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
 Nick Jones City Administrator

