

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 Berner, Sharon Haun, Larry Siegrist, City Administrator Nick Jones, and City Attorney Bill Halvorsen were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Aron Doty, James Crosby, Stephen McKnight, Pastor Billy Kryger

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

N/A

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:

- Oct. 19, 2021, Minutes
- Oct 19, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: K-10, D-13, D-27, G-2, B-52, B-52
- License to Sell Cereal Malt Beverages – Short Stop
- License to Sell Cereal Malt Beverages – Dollar General

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

• **State Trail Signage – Scott Allen**

Scott Allen representing the Flint Hills Trail - State Park spoke to the council regarding additional signage to provide directions to the trail. Mr. Allen said the State would provide the signs, but the city would have to install them. A group The Council agreed to install the signs. Mr. Allen also spoke about a \$25 million federal grant the state applied for and if awarded the grant would complete the Flint Hills Trail – State Park from Council Grove to Herington. Mr. Allen also informed the council about a class through the Sunflower foundation for communities with trails and how to promote and utilize and earn grants.

• **USD417 – Aron Doty**

USD417 Superintendent Aron Doty addressed the Council regarding local housing and wanted to start a conversation about housing for teachers. Mr. Doty said one of the main issues with attracting and retaining teachers was housing and the lack there of. Mr. Doty said he wanted to gage the interest of the Council in possibly working with the School District and County on building an apartment structure at the Stella Theater for teachers and that all three entities would have to work together. Mr. Doty said he has spoke with the School Board who has expressed interest in the idea. Mr. Doty said the next step would be to get a engineer in and start getting cost together to see if the project is feasible. Councilperson Mark Brooks said he couldn't imagine the city getting in the way of the district on the project and the rest of the city council was positive to the idea.

• **Rotary – Aron Doty**

President of Rotary Aron Doty asked the council for permission to install pitch n putt disc golf course at Becker Park. Mr. Doty said it would be a Rotary project and that Dynamic Disc will design the course and donate the buckets to the Rotary Club. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the request to install a pitch n putt course at Becker Park. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0 with 1 abstention Councilperson Mark Brooks

• **Softball Club – Jim Crosby**

Jim Crosby with the Softball Club presented the end-of-year report to the Council. Mr. Crosby thanked Recreation Director Justin Carlson for all his hard work and dedication. Mr. Crosby said the club raised \$21,602 this season, which included \$19,000 for the families of Jordan Kelley and Max Byram splitting the money evenly. Mr. Crosby noted that some of the money raised for Kelley's family would be used to create a scholarship fund for students pursuing medical careers. Mr. Crosby also said the club raised \$2,500 for Julie Salas. Overall, Mr. Crosby said the Softball Club has donated \$58,000 to the city

over 6 years. Mr. Crosby then asked the Council for approval for next years season. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Rural Water District #1 Request**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented a request from Rural Water District #1 to install a water meter at 700 Dunlap Road for Logan Litke. Administrator Jones noted the Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige found no issues with Rural Water District #1 adding the water meter for Logan Litke. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the request from Rural Water District #1 to install a water meter for Logan Litke. The motion was seconded by Sharon Haun. Motion carried 6 – 0

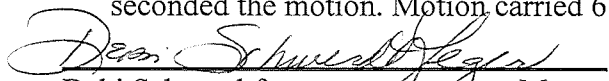
- **Executive Session – City Lake**

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to go into executive session concerning the City Lake, which include the City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Administrator for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 - 0. On returning to the Council meeting no action was taken.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Chamber did a great job with the Halloween parade.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – asked if the City needed to do anything with for Candle light Charm. Administrator Jones said the Street department would be street sweeping and cleaning up leaves.
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – said the City needs to look at rezoning some of the Commercially zoned properties.
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – asked about the sewer connect lines being lined before road resurfacing. Administrator Jones said he will follow up with Utilities Superintended Derrick Craige.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked everyone involved with Halloween Parade and events.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – asked for permission to sale a police car, old brin truck, chevy blazer, ranger fishing boat and concession trailer. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve of the request to sale city owner items. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – asked by how long a resident has to clean up after a house burns down. Administrator Jones said the individual has 45 days to start the clean up process. Mayor Schwerdtfeger also asked permission to buy hot chocolate and lap blankets for the Lighted Trolley Tours. Council had no issue with the request.

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

