

City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 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. Others attending were Marcus Hernandez, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Pastor Billy Kryger, Tom & Nancy Nurnberg, Robert & Cindi Herbig, Larry Fisher, Roger & Sheryll Hoffman, Mike & Cyndi Banister, Sharon McVay, Fred Bammes, Doug Bradley, Bob Hiebert, Mike Petitjean, Amy Harmon, Tad Fuller, Mike Davigillen, Rick Schwerdtfeger, Gary Catlin, Carolyn Peters, Rick & Shelley Dunham, Auann Fuller, Larry & Donna Berner, Robb & Carla Stephansir, John & Linda Cosgrove, Julie Hower, Kathy & Dan Fox, David & Vicki Petry, Deidre & Jesse Knight, Deb O'Bray, Fred Bammers, Marty & Debbie Wright, Curt & Christi Brumgardt, Luke Neville, Dustin Zeck, Chris Bolton, Stephanie Gillam, John O'Bray, Kathy Bradley.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

N/A

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- July 5, 2022, Minutes
- July 5, 2022, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer:

**OLD BUSINESS**

- N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

- City Administrator Nick Jones spoke to the Council regarding increasing the water deposit from \$60 to \$120. Administrator Jones informed the Council that the city has had an increase in water bills left unpaid and the deposit does not cover the cost of the bill in the event a resident move or do not pay their bill. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the increase in deposit and have the City Attorney update the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 - 0
- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: Charles & Connie Busch, I-17**  
City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the City Lake Committee to approve installation of a water slide for Charles & Connie Busch at I-17. The installation will not restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins or access to the area. After discussion Councilperson Larry Siegrist made a motion to approve the recommendation for the installation of a slide. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 5 – 0
- **Executive Session - City Lake**  
Before going into Executive Session, the City Council allowed for those in attendance to ask questions or comment on the matter. Robert Herbig questioned the Council going into Executive Session under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, while others asked why the information was not discussed in open session. City Administrator Nick Jones informed those in attendance that the information will be posted to the city's website, and they would receive a mailing with all the information by the following Friday. Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger stated she was under the impression the Lake Association was sharing the information with the Lake Residents. Councilperson Mark Berner said what he is about to say will upset some people, but his parents are residents at the City Lake, and he was disappointed with the lack of information that has been sent out. Former Lake Association President Curt Burmgardt said that the information has been shared with the Lake Residents.  
After a few more questions Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to go into executive session for attorney client privilege regarding the City Lake, which included the Mayor, City Council, City Annexation Attorney and City Administrator for 45 minutes. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker.  
Motion Carried 6 – 0

Mayor Schwerdtfeger called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to allow the City Administrator Jones to send the proposal to the Lake Residents. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the City Administrator send out the information. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

Former City Attorney Bill Halvorsen went through the 3 different options hitting the high points with those in attendance. Option 1 is the option to buy the land at \$25,000 and petition to be annexed and form a water and sewer district. The purchase of the land can be made in 1 large sum of \$25,000 or spread over 5 years with payments being \$5,100 a year for 5 years totaling \$25,000. Payments of the water and sewer district will be 1/348 spread over 40 years.

Option 2 you stay on a modified lease and lease payments go from \$1,200 to \$600 per year. You must petition for annexation and to form a water and sewer district. Payments of the water and sewer district will be 1/348 spread over 40 years.

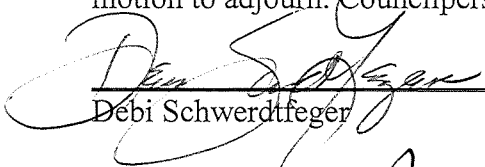
Option 3 is for residents who wish to not choose option 1 or 2 and stay on their current lease with modifications. The residents will still be responsible for 1/348 of the 40-year repayment of the water and sewer district. In the event the septic system fails the leaseholder will be required to be annexed and hook up to city water and sewer and disable existing septic and well at their expense.


Mayor Schwerdtfeger said regardless of what you believe, we have done a lot of work and research and we want to be one community and work hand in hand with the lake.

#### GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Great weekend with the Gunfight on the Santa Fe Trail, the play at the High School was great. Asked that everyone take their time to look through the information on annexation.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Echoed what Councilperson Booker said.
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Thanked the Lake folks for coming in. Gun fight was amazing.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked the city crews on all the help with the Gun Fight.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – asked the Council to hold the Revenue Neutral Rate/Budget Hearing on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm before regular Council meeting. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to have the Revenue Neutral Rate/Budget Hearing on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm before regular Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer 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

