## City Council Meeting Minutes February 1, 2022

# WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Council President Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Keith Wessel, Jason Booker, Sharon Haun, Sean Honer, Mark Berner, Larry Siegrist and City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Bill Holverson. Others attending were Marcus Hernandez, Zoey Bond, Sharon McVay, Karen Exon, Fred Bammes, and Ryan McDonald.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ryan McDonald representing the Council Grove Rotary Club requested an extension of the Sales Tax Grant the club received. Mr. McDonald informed the Council that the original ideal for the new wagon the Club bought was no longer viable and the club had sold the wagon. Mr. McDonald presented the Council a new drawing for the area around the current wagon located by the Main Street bridge and asked the Council to consider allowing the Sales Tax Grant funds to be used to improve that area. After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to extend the Sales Tax Grant until October 31, 2022. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6-0

Ryan McDonald owner of the Dealership Building on Main Street requested that 2 parking spots located in front of his building where the curb is cut no longer be used for parking as he has installed a garage door to allow for vendors and others using the building to be able back up or pull in to unload their vehicles. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6 - 0

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Mark Berner 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:

- Jan. 18, 2022, Minutes
- Jan. 18, 2022, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

• N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## • Council Grove/Morris County Chamber of Commerce

Zoey Bond with the Council Grove/Morris County Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Council about some changes the chamber is in the process of working on. Mrs. Bond presented to the Council the new branding strategy the Chamber of Commerce is proposing and hopes the Council will support the changes. Mrs. Bond also spoke about housing information from the many different entities in the community at the Chamber Office. Mrs. Bond said the plan is to take a more targeted approach and market all the different amenities and activities the city has to offer. The City Council expressed support for the changes.

# • Sales Tax Grant Committee Recommendation: 4th of July Committee

City Administrator Nick Jones presented Sales Tax Grant Committee recommends the City Council approve the request from the  $4^{th}$  of July Committee in the amount of \$15,000 to be used for entertainment and fireworks for the city's annual  $4^{th}$  of July Celebration. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve the request of the Sales Tax Grant Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6-0

## • Police and Fire Committee Recommendation:

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the Police and Fire Committee recommendation to purchase Axon Enterprise software secure storage platform for bodycam footage for the Police Department to be purchased on a 5-year plan for \$3,206 per year to come out of the Diversion Fund. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request from the Police and Fire Committee to purchase software Axon

Enterprise in the amount of \$3,206 from the diversion fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 6-0

## • Executive Session - City Lake

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session regarding the City Lake. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to go into executive session, which included the City Council, City Attorney, and City Administrator for 45 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 N/A
- Councilperson Mark Berner N/A
- Councilperson Keith Wessel inquired about a sign for the Recreation Building (Armory). Administrator Jones said he is working on getting a cost to redo the sign.
- Councilperson Sean Honer N/A
- Councilperson Larry Siegrist N/A
- Councilperson Sharon Haun N/A
- City Attorney Bill Halvorsen N/A
- City Administrator Nick Jones said DHC Chiropractic requested that 2 parking spots in front of their building be designated as handicap parking spots. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the request from DHC Chiropractic. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 0 Administrator Jones informed the Council that there was a conflict with moving the Fourth of July Celebration to July 3<sup>rd</sup> and that it would need to be moved back to July 4<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to switch from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 0
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger N/A

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion carried  $6 \leftarrow 0$ 

Debi Schwerdtfeger

Mayor

Nick Jones

City Administrator

