

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, 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, Angela Berry, Matthew Asebedo, James Crosby, Jo King, Rebecca Elias, Jane Rickenbrode, Roland Hainey, Sean Honer, Roman Asebedo, George Asebedo, Wade Rickenbrode, Ralph Peterson, Max Byram, Susan Harris.

Absent – Councilperson Keith Wessel

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

Sean Honer requested that the speed limit on HWY56 be reduced from 30mph to 20mph starting at Rockhill headed east into Council Grove. Sean Honer said there is an issue with vehicles still going 30mph or faster when they hit the hill by Route 56 and Neosho Gardens, which turns into a 20mph zone. After discussion by the City Council a motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to change the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph starting on Rockhill headed East into Council Grove. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun.

Motion Carried 5 – 0

Sean Honer also request the use of the Riverwalk Park on July 31<sup>st</sup> for a car show (Flint Hills Get Down). Sean Honer also told the Council they would like to have a couple food trucks for the event. City Administrator Nick Jones told Sean Honer he would need to complete a Community Events Application in order to have the event on City property. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would help with the completion of the form. After discussion by the City Council a motion was made by Councilperson Mark Brooks to allow the event at the Riverwalk Park. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker

Motion Carried 5 – 0

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- April 20, 2021 Minutes
- April 20, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

Motion carried 5 – 0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **North Riverwalk Extension – Update:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones reported that Bryant and Bryant started pour concrete for the walking paths at the far north end of the North Riverwalk Extension and that they were moving right along.
- **Riverwalk Amphitheater - Update:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones reported that the concrete stage area has been poured and the plan is to start the apron and stairs next week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **American Legion: Rebecca Elisa & Jim Crosby**  
Rebecca Elisa the post commander along with retired Command Sergeant James Crosby representing the American Legion spoke to the City Council regarding the proposed moving of the 137<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment monument at Crème Park (Council Oak Park). Post Commander Rebecca Elisa informed the City Council that the American Legion opposes the moving of the monument. James Crosby spoke to the City Council regarding the history of the 137<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment monument and units associated with it. James Crosby spoke about the proposal to move the monument to the Fairgrounds Park next to the Tank. James Crosby said it would not be an appropriate location for the monument as it does not coincide with the same time-period as the tank and is not along the Santa Fe Trail. James Crosby also presented the Council with a resolution that is to be signed on Memorial Day by the Mayor that will prevent veteran monuments in Council Grove from being moved except when infrastructure projects may call for the relocation. The City Council agreed that the monument should not be moved, and that the Mayor will sign the Resolution once it is reviewed by the City Attorney Bill Halvorsen.

- **Council Grove Softball Club:**

James Crosby and Max Byram representing the Council Grove Softball Club asked for approval to use the softball fields for their upcoming season. James Crosby also informed the City Council that the Softball Club has raised around \$35,000 in the last 5 years and that most of those funds have been donated back to the City and other organizations in the community. James Crosby and Max Byram said their focus was on creating a more family friendly atmosphere and requiring all participants to sign a sportsmanship waiver, to make it more fun and less competitive. The Softball Club plans on starting the season on July 25<sup>th</sup> and running until October 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve of the Softball Clubs request to use the City’s softball fields for their season. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker.  
Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Amending Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities 47<sup>th</sup> Edition for 2020**

City Attorney Bill Halvorsen presented to the City Council an amendment to the ordinance regarding the use of ATVs on city street and state highway. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen explained to the City Council that the Standard Traffic for Kansas Cities 47<sup>th</sup> Edition for 2020 omitted the section regarding ATVs. The new ordinance would prohibit ATVs on City and State highways. Councilperson Larry Siegrist made a motion to approve the amending of the ordinance. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Ordinance #2247  
Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Police Impound Fees Ordinance:**

City Attorney Bill Halvorsen presented to the City Council an ordinance setting a fee for impounded vehicles in the City’s impound lot. The ordinance charges \$10 dollars a day after a 24-hour notice to pick the vehicle from the impound lot. City Administrator Nick Jones added that there has been an issue with the City storing impound vehicles and the owners not coming to pick them up in a timely manner, which has caused clutter in the impound lot. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Police Impound Fee Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Ordinance #2248 Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Ordinance Amending Code Section 14-212 Motorized Scooters and Power Wheelchairs:**

City Attorney Bill Halvorsen presented to the City Council an ordinance amending the section 14-212 of city code for motorized scooters and power wheelchairs. The new ordinance would require a motorized scooter or wheelchair be outfitted with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above the ground when attached to the vehicle with the flag being triangular with an area of not less than thirty square inches in day-glow color. The ordinance also does not allow motorized disability scooter or powered wheelchair to be operated upon any state or federal highway except to safely drive across such highway, or upon any street with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or greater. Motorized disability scooters and powered wheelchairs may be operated on sidewalks. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve the new ordinance amending code section 14-212. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Ordinance #2249 Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Summer Seasonal – Swimming Pool Appointments:**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed the following to Summer Seasonal help for the City Swimming Pool. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 5 – 0  
Manager: Lauren Carlson at \$11.00 + Pending Training  
Assistant Manager: Keeley Honas at \$9.91  
Lifeguard: Sanaia Palmquist at \$9.00  
Lifeguard: Benny Bolen at \$9.00  
Lifeguard: Rylee Powell at \$8.50  
Lifeguard: Hadyn Powell at \$8.25  
Lifeguard: Myles Gant at \$8.25  
Lifeguard: Karly Goodell at \$8.25  
Lifeguard: Jenna Blosser at \$8.25  
Lifeguard: Allison Hower at \$8.25  
Lifeguard: Gavin Mills at \$8.25

Lifeguard: Hailey Hewitt at \$8.25

• **Riverwalk Amphitheater Electrical:**

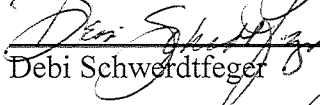
City Administrator Nick Jones received cost to reinstall electrical for the Riverwalk Amphitheater project. The cost from Everygy was \$2,389, which would consist of running wire from an existing panel and installing a transformer next to the stage area at the Amphitheater. The cost from Ziegler Electrical was \$2,100 to install the new panel next to the Amphitheater. The funds would come from infrastructure. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve the cost of reinstalling the electrical for the Amphitheater. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0

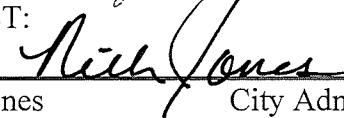
**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – None
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Asked that the City put a reminder in the paper regarding grass clippings being blown in the streets and gutters. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would have a reminder put in the paper and on the City Facebook page.
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – Absent
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – Suggested that the City look into bringing the cemetery fees for burials and sell of plots. City Administrator Nick Jones informed the City Council that we are currently not covering our cost to open and close graves and that the current fees do little to cover the cost of maintenance. Councilperson Mark Brooks also inquired on who was responsible for the Welcome to Council Grove signs at all four entrances to the City and that they need to be replaced.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – None
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Asked about doing Department Head reports again and tours of the City facilities.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – None
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Informed the City Council that some of the local business owners have asked about placing tables and chairs on the sidewalk in front of their businesses. After discussion, the City Council will allow this on a trial basis through Washunga Days with a review to follow. Administrator Jones also asked the Council to approve the purchase of a conex container for the stage area at the amphitheater. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to purchase a conex container for the Amphitheater. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 – 0
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0

  
Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Nick Jones City Administrator

