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City Council Agenda April 5, 2022 5:30 P.M. - City Hall

# WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Minutes from the Previous meeting:

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Items not already on the agenda may be brought before the Governing Body. Persons must sign in to be eligible. (Three-minute maximum time limit). After three minutes, items will then be voted on to see whether to place the item on the next agenda.

# **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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	<ul><li>Appropriations:</li></ul>						
	<ul> <li>Lake Cabin Transfer:</li> </ul>	N/A					
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NEW BUSI	INESS:						
•	City Lake Committee Recommendation: D – 4			Pages 4 – 10			
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0	City Lake Committee Recommendation: J – 18			Pages 11 - 22			
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•	Office Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Wyatt Miller		nt of Wyatt Miller	Page 23			
Motion:	Seconded:	Action:	Abstention:	Este. Cost:	Appd.	Cost:	
•	Police and Fire Committee Recommendation:			Pages 24 - 29			
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•	BlueCross BlueShield Insurance Renewal:			Page 30			
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## **Governing Body Comments:**

### **Adjournment:**

### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Council President Keith Wessel called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Sean Honer, Larry Siegrist and City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Bill Holverson. Others attending were Marcus Hernandez, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Pastor Billy Kryger.

# PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ryan McDonald addressed the Council regarding proposed city ordinances that were on the agenda and his concern with how ambiguous some of the language was and how it would be open to interpretation. Mr. McDonald also raised issue with the proposal of continued education credits in the ordinance. Administrator Jones informed the Council that ordinances only addressed the fee structure and going from a 1-year licensing renewal to a 2-year licensing renewal. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen pointed out that the Building and Trades Board meant with Mr. McDonald regarding changes and made no recommendation. City Attorney Halvorsen suggested that it may need to go back to the Building and Trades Board for further discussion. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to table the issue until the Building and Trades Board could meet to discuss the issues and make a recommendation for a future Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 15, 2022, Minutes
- March 15, 2022, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

### **OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### City Lake Committee Recommendation: I-T7

City Administrator presented to the Council the recommendation from the City Lake Committee to approve a boundary ling adjustment of 60 feet to allow for a two-car carport for Wayne and Cynthis Sloan of I-T7. Administrator Jones also noted that the adjustments will not restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins or access to the area. The neighboring leaseholds are aware of the request and have indicated such in writing. After discussion Councilperson Larry Siegrist made a motion to approve the 60 feet adjustment for I-T7 for a two-car carport. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 5-0

• Office Committee Recommendation: Contractor/Apprentice Ordinances/License Fee
Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to table the issue until the Building and Trades
Board could meet to discuss the issues and make a recommendation for a future Council
meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 5 – 0

## • Office Committee Recommendation: Lisa Good

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Office Committee to appoint Lisa Good to Utilities Billing Clerk at a payrate of \$16.00 per hour with the appointment being contingent on passing a drug/alcohol screening and background check. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the appointment of Lisa Good to Utilities Billing Clerk at \$16.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 5-0

# • Office Committee Recommendation - Megan Weaver

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Office Committee to appoint Megan Weaver from Payroll/Appropriations Clerk to Assistant City Clerk - Payroll/Appropriations Clerk at a payrate of \$16.50 per hour. Effective 03-16-2022. Administrator Jones noted the Mrs. Weaver has completed her certification for City Clerk. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to appoint Megan Weaver to Assistant City Clerk - Payroll/Appropriations Clerk at a payrate of \$16.50 per hour.

Effective 03-16-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 5-0

# • Greenwood Cemetery Mowing Bids:

City Administrator Nick Jones opened the only bid received for contract mowing and weed eating of Greenwood Cemetery from Twin Lakes Lawn Service. The bid from Twin Lakes Lawn Service was a total of \$95,100 over a 3-year period. Making the yearly obligation \$31,700. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the bid received from Twin Lakes Lawn Service. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Motion Carried 5-0

## • 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 Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5-0

Upon returning to regular session no action was taken.

# **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- Councilperson Jason Booker N/A.
- Councilperson Mark Berner Thanked the Street Department for a job well done on snow removal and clean up.
- Councilperson Keith Wessel N/A
- 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 N/A
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger Absent

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Debi Schwerdtfeger	Mayor
ATTEST:	
Nick Iones	City Administrator



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# **CITY LAKE COMMITTEE**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECOMMENDATION, APRIL 5, 2022

1. Recommend the City Council approve a variance request of 8' to the 100' high water setback for the construction of a covered deck.

George F Grieb & Malinda J Alexander Trusts, D-4

Extension will not restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins or access to the area.

LAKE COMMITTEE:

**KEITH WESSEL** 

LARRY SIEGRIST

**CITY INSPECTOR:** 

**JAMES MASTERS** 

# James Masters

From:

"George Grieb" <ggrieb@lynnelectric.com>

Date:

Tuesday, March 01, 2022 4:13 PM

To:

<Citycg4@tctelco.net> <andrecheller1@yahoo.com>

Cc:

Cabin Rear View.pdf; 152 Aerial View.pdf

Attach: Subject:

Grieb-152 Watersedge Loop D-4 City Lake-Building Permit

# James,

It was good to speak with you yesterday about my building permit. I have reviewed the applicable City codes that we discussed.

Please see the marked up photos I have enclosed on this email. You will see from the markups that the new portion of my deck will be well over 10' away from the corner of my cabin.

I understand that I will need a variance from the committee however, there is virtually now way for the new deck to block the views of either of my neighbors. Additionally I do not see in the City Ordinance where I am required to "get a letter of permission"

from my neighbors to upgrade my property within the City code and ordinances. If my neighbors, or any lake property owner for that matter, purchased their cabin for the "view" then they should have purchased the "view" as well.

In 2018 when Andre built the structure off of the north side of my house I did not have to have letters from my neighbors allowing me to build?

I completely understand you and the City of CG wanting to protect the lake but a 4' wide addition to an existing deck that falls short of my existing building line by more than 10' has virtually no impact on the lake or my neighbors. (See attached aerial view)

Therefore I request that you issue a building permit based on a granted variance after inspection by the committee and approval of the City Council for the deck addition without "letters of permission" from my neighbors.

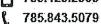
I am certain this wish will be granted unless there is bias towards me and my property on the part of the City as I have seen several homes, boat houses, patios, decks etc. built over the last 5 years. I am certain that those letters of permission

for all of those projects are part of the building permit record which is as you are well aware is public record. Please Advise,

George Grieb

**George Grieb** 

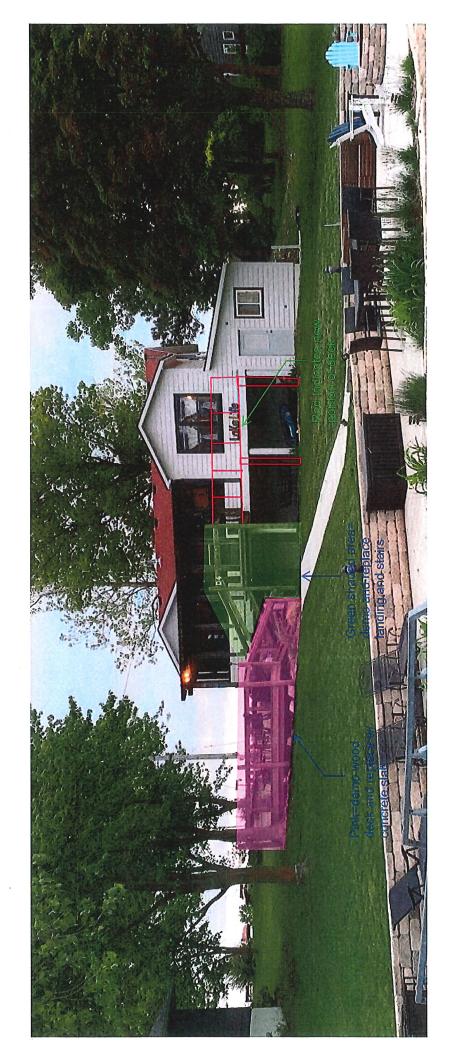




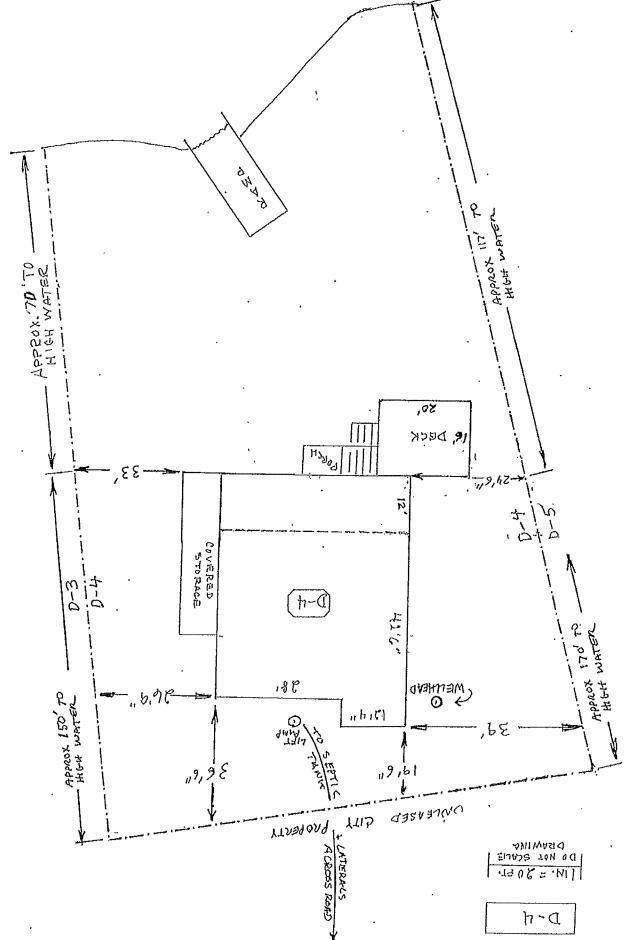




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# Building Permit Application City of Council Grove, Kansas To be completed by Applicant...

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# **CITY LAKE COMMITTEE**

City Council Meeting Recommendation, April 5, 2022

1. Recommends the Council deny a boundary line adjustment request of 148 feet for a 30' x 50' storage shed.

Marc and Billi McGee, J-18

Adjustment 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.

LAKE COMMITTEE:

Keith Wessel

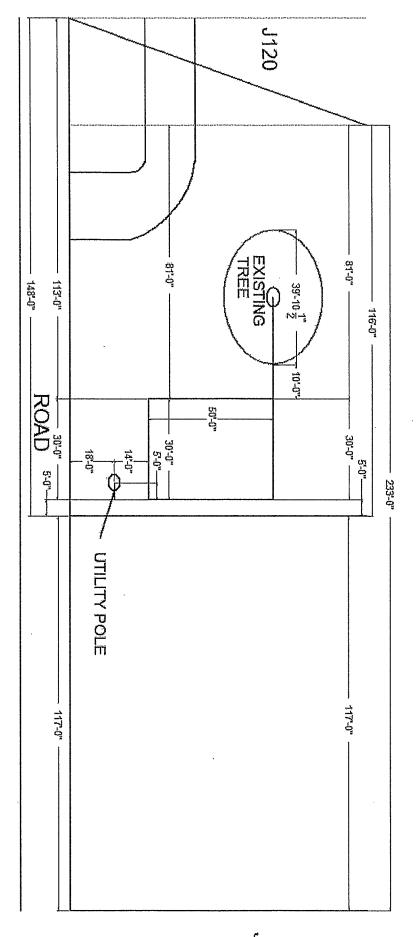
**Larry Siegrist** 

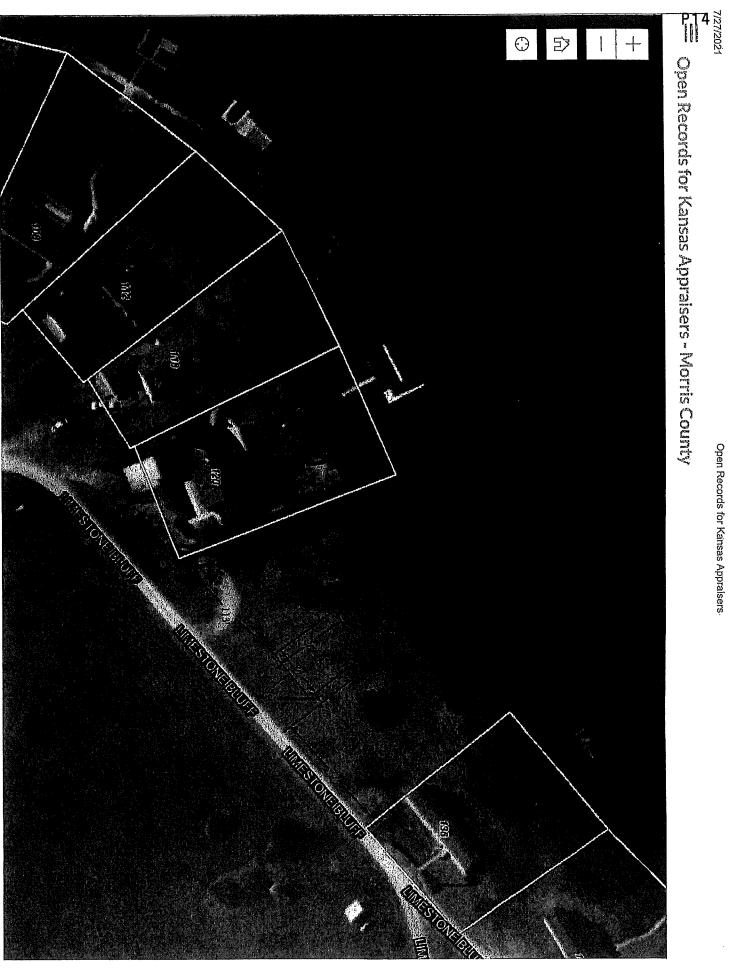
CITY INSPECTOR:

James Masters

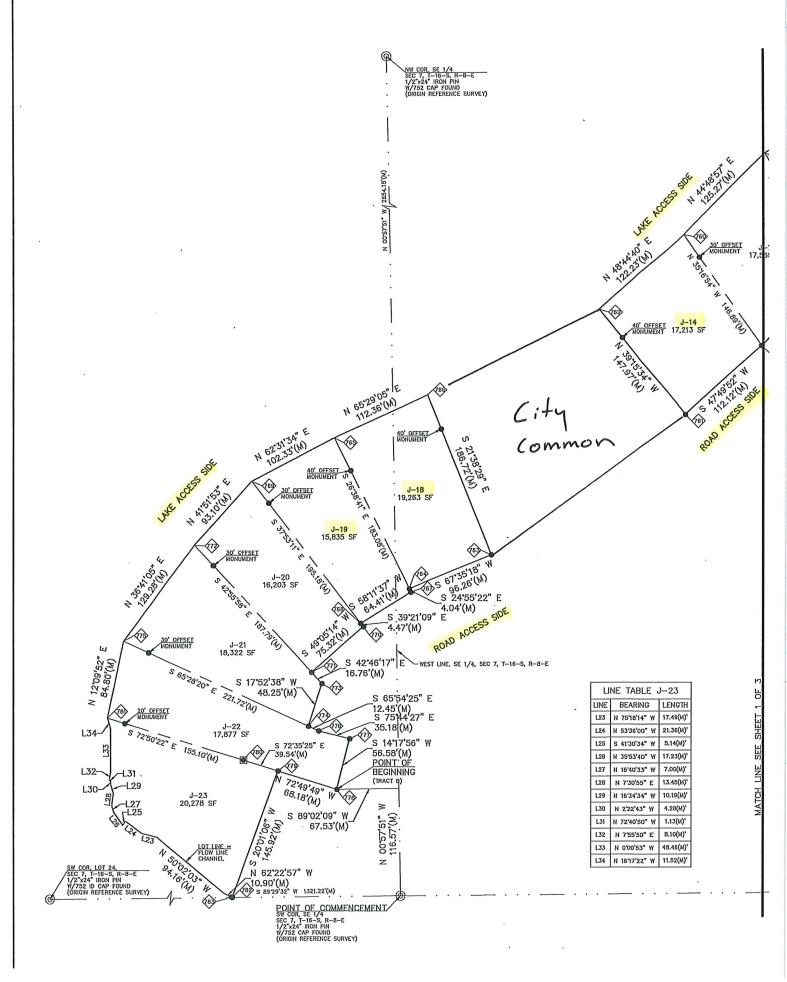
# APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL GROVE LAKE PARK BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT

Leasehold Location: Section Letter: J Site No.: 18 911 Address: 120 LIMESTONE BLUFF Con	uncil Grove, KS 66846							
Name(s) of Lessee(s) / Prospective Lessee(s):MARC & BILLI MCGEE								
Mailing Address:5344 W. 77TH N. CT City: VALLEY CENTER State: KS Zip: 67147								
Phone: 1-316-644-9089	Linear Feet: 148							
Signature(s) of Lessee(s) or Prospective Lessee(s):								
(Must be same names as on lease)	30' X50"							
The above signed do hereby request a Boundary Line Adjustment for the purpose of: STORAGE SHED								
The following items must be submitted with this application:								
elevation and plan drawings/sketches showing the dimensions of the proposed new dwelling or accesso	-							
relation to the existing dwelling	a copy of the plot plan for the leasehold showing the location dimensions of the proposed new dwelling or accessory structure in relation to the existing dwelling							
signed letters from the adjoining leaseholders with their comments about the proposed boundary line a	djustment							
a nonrefundable fee of \$70 to cover the cost of evaluating the request								
a completed leasehold transfer package, if the written request is from a prospective purchaser of the lea	sehold							
NOTE: Boundaries shared by leaseholders are not eligible for a Boundary Line Adjustment.								
OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE								
Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) determination criteria:	***************************************							
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any other factors deemed appropriate								
BLA Linear Feet: BLA FT <sup>2</sup> : BLA Rate: \$ 0.11 FT <sup>2</sup> BLA Fee: \$								
City's Designated Agent: BLA Recommended: (yes/no) Date: Signature:								
Governing Body Lake Committee: BLA Reviewed Date:								
Governing Body: BLA Approved: (yes/no) Date:	r.							
Land Survey of BLA: Surveyor:	Date:							
Land Survey Filed with Morris County Register of Deeds: Date: Filing Fee:	5							









PROPERTY EXTENSION REQUEST BY J-18, 120 LIMESTON BLUFF TO EXTEND PROPERTY LINES TO ALLOW
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING.
extension request drawings labelled J18 PROPERTY EXTENSION REQUEST 7 27 2021 REV. 1 and STORAGE BUILDING SKETCH 7 27 2021 REV. 1, and have no issues with this request being approved and the owner\resident of J-18\120 Limestone Bluff moving forward with the construction of the proposed storage shed.  116 Limestone Bluff owner\resident
116 Limestone Bluff owner/resident.  comments: The McGrer's planned Dimid Will not officed me at all.
116 Limestone Bluff owner\resident signature of approval:
Date of approval: 9-6-21

PROPERTY EXTENSION REQUEST BY J-18, 120 LIMESTON BLUFF TO EXTEND PROPERTY LINES TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING.

We, Richard Warsnak and Gregory Hammes, owners of 136 Limestone Bluff have reviewed the property extension request drawings labelled J18 PROPERTY EXTENSION REQUEST 7 27 2021 REV. 1 and STORAGE BUILDING SKETCH 7 27 2021 REV. 1, and have no issues with this request being approved and the owner\resident of J-18\120 Limestone Bluff moving forward with the construction of the proposed storage shed.

136 Limestone Bluff owner\resident comments: We are happy to hear of the possibility of expanding into this space. We are planning on requesting a similar extension to cover our parking area and to build a new car cover.

136 Limestone Bluff owner\resident signatures of approval:

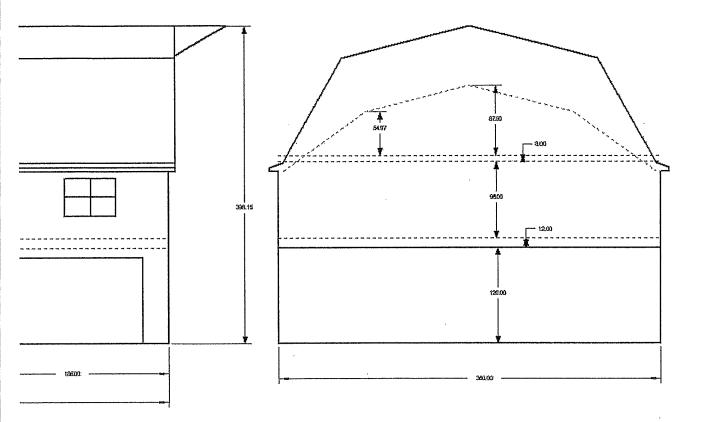
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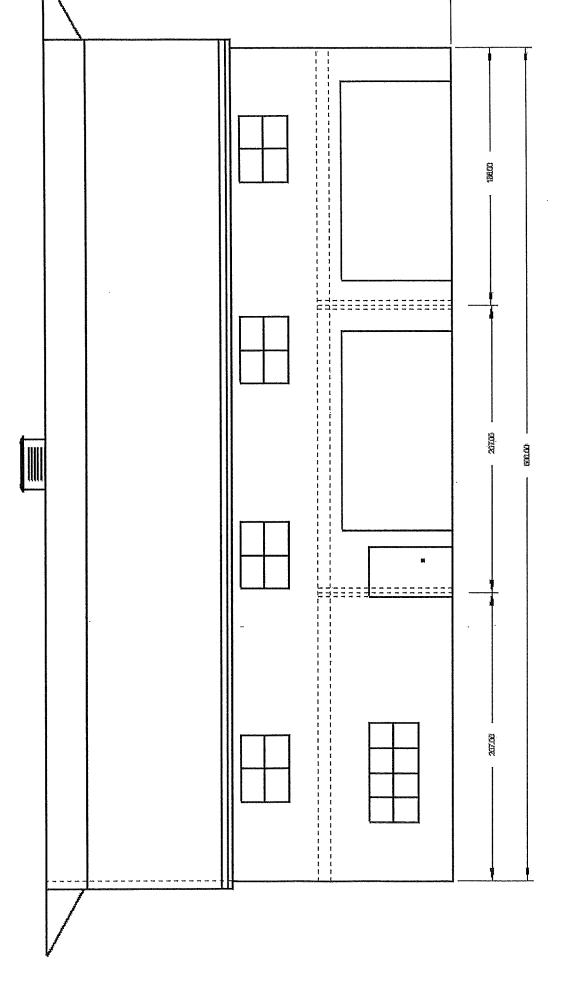
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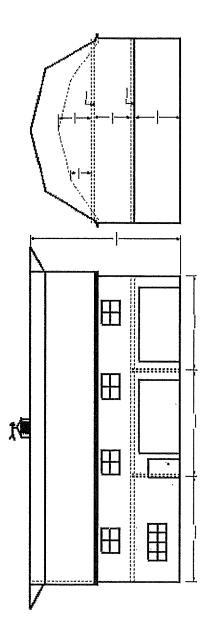
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**Building Permit Application** 







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# Office Committee Recommendation

The Office Committee recommends the appointment of Wyatt Miller to Streets and Parks Department Riverwalk Maintenance position at a payrate of \$14.50 per hour. The appointment is contingent upon passing a physical, drug and alcohol screening, and background check.



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# Police and Fire Committee Recommendation

The Police and Fire Committee recommends the changes made to the Council Grove Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws to include the addition of two Lieutenants and the Five Trustees on the Fire Board.

The Police and Fire Committee also recommends the appointment of John Scarce and Chris Brown to Council Grove Fire Department Lieutenants.

Nick,

Attached is the updated Bylaws with the two new Lieutenants Positions. The Lieutenant positions were approved by the CGFD Board of Trustees and the entire membership.

These are nonpaid positions and appointments unanimously agreed upon by the Chief, Assistant Chief, and Two Fire Captains.

The two new Council Grove Fire Department Lieutenants are John Scarce and Chris Brown.

Feel free to contact me with any questions/comments.

Brian

Brian Brown
Council Grove Fire Rescue
Assistant Chief/Public Information Officer (PIO)
303.956.6927
BrianFSS@outlook.com

# COUNCIL GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

# **ARTICLE 1 (MEMBERSHIP)**

- SEC 1 Any person of good character and standing, above the age of eighteen years shall be eligible for membership.
- SEC 2 Applications must be presented to a quorum of voting members. Election shall be by ballot and determined by unanimous/majority decision the candidate shall be confirmed a member nominated.

# **ARTICLE 2 (OFFICERS)**

SEC 1 The officers of this company and the order of their chain of command shall be as follows:

One Chief

One Deputy Chief/ One Public information Officer (PIO)

**Two Captains** 

**Two Lieutenants** 

One Training Officer

One Secretary

One Treasurer

**Five Trustees** 

One Apparatus Maintenance Person

One Building Maintenance Person

Note: All are paid positions except for the Five Trustees and Two Lieutenants

- SEC 2 These officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular annual meeting, or if passed over at that time, at any subsequent quorum meeting. A majority of all votes cast shall confirm he/she elected for that position.
- SEC 3 Elections to fill vacancies may occur at any subsequent meeting.
- **SEC 4** Annual elections or removal of officers shall be managed by the current members of the Board of Trustees.
- SEC 5 The elected officers (Chief, Assistant Chief, and two Captains) are responsible annually for evaluating the Lieutenant positions based on the annual performance and determining those positions for reappointment(s) or any new appointment(s).

# **ARTICLE 3 (DUTIES OF MEMBERS)**

- **SEC 1** It shall be the first duty of all members to comply with every reasonable command of their officers while on duty.
  - To properly attend all meetings,
  - Respond and assemble to each alarm at the firehouse without delay and assist in getting
    the apparatus to the call in a safe and efficient manner in readiness for operation as
    quickly as possible.
- **SEC 2** No member shall appear at the meetings of this department or on duty in a state of Illicit or Prescribed intoxication, nor shall be guilty of using insulting, indecent or profane language.
- **SEC 3** It shall be the duty of the member first reaching the firehouse to assume command until the arrival of appropriate officers.

SEC 4 It shall be the duty of all members to follow the most current CGFD Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's).

# **ARTICLE 4 (DUTIES OF OFFICERS)**

SEC 1 The Chief, or his/her designee (Authority Having Jurisdiction - AHJ), shall:

- (1) preside at all meetings,
- (2) preserve order and dignity, and see that these by-laws are enforced.
- (3) be there to give directions in the disposition of engine, hose, and ladders for the best outcome on any dispatched scene as well as the protection of personnel and property,
- (4) appoint, as needed, standing committees off three members each, on Finance and Grievances.
- Sec 2 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep suitable minutes and to include voted ballots for that purpose, the accounts of the Company and the members thereof; and at the expiration of his term, to deliver to his successor in office all books and papers appropriate to his office which may be in his possession. He shall, from time to time, have posted in the meeting/training room a roll call of all active members, so that it can be used as a list from which to call their names when needed.
- SEC 3 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all the funds of the Company, to pay all orders and bills approved by the company and signed by the Chief and countersigned by the Secretary and none others, to keep a full and correct account of all money expended, to furnish to Company at the annual meeting, with a full report of the receipts and expenditures of the term, with vouchers and to deliver up, when legally called upon, all monies, books, papers, etc. belonging to the Company, to his successor in office, or to whomsoever the Company may appoint.
- **SEC 4** It shall be the duty of the Public Information Officer (PIO) to take photos during emergency incidents and submit news reports with the data provided at the scene or as declared by the information written on the incident report per the Chief's approval. The PIO shall also be approved to upgrade and maintain the department website as well as social networking sites as approved by the Chief and City Administrator.
- **SEC 5** The Board of Trustees shall have the general management of the affairs of the Fire Department and for that purpose shall organize the election of one of its own members to preside over the meetings of the Board and the appointment of a Secretary and Treasurer. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum and be competent to fill vacancies in the Board. They may review and adapt by-laws for the Administration of the Fire Department subject to the approval of or amendment by the membership at their meetings and in the manner as herein provided. Before entering upon their duties, each Chief Officer, Captains, Training Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Apparatus Maintenance, Building Maintenance, and the five Trustees shall take an oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge the duties of their office.

# **ARTICLE 5 (DUTIES OF COMMITTEES)**

**SEC 1** It shall be the duty of the Finance committee to examine all accounts that may be referred to it by the Company and report on the same at the regular monthly meeting and to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary.

**SEC 2** It shall be the duty of the Committee of Grievances to examine into such complaints and petitions as may be referred to it by the company and report thereon at the next regular or special meeting.

# **ARTICLE 6 (MEETINGS)**

- **SEC 1** The annual meeting for election of Officers shall be held on the first Monday in January of each year.
- **SEC 2** Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday in each calendar month. Training meetings will be held on the third Monday of each calendar month. Station and apparatus clean up duties shall be held on the fifth Monday of each calendar month. If either meeting falls upon a holiday, the meeting will be held on the next business day.
- **SEC 3** Special meetings may be held as needed by the Chief, or by the request of two thirds majority of members present, or on a majority motion at regular meetings.
- **SEC 4** The hour of all meetings and drills, where not otherwise stated, shall be at 1830 hours or 6:30 PM.
- **SEC 5** Any member missing three consecutive meetings during the year, without notifying an officer or having written due cause, shall be dismissed from the department upon review by a quorum of the membership.
- **SEC 6** Sickness or absence from town will be considered a valid excuse for non-attendance of meetings and drills, provided the member has notified another reporting member or having written due cause of his/her planned absence.
- SEC 7 Two thirds majority of current membership shall constitute a lawful forum.
- SEC 8 Cellular phones will be placed in silent or vibrate mode for the duration of all meetings.

# **ARTICLE 7 (RULES OF ORDER)**

- **SEC 1** Just one member shall be entitled to speak during an open meeting session.
- **SEC 2** Any member may appeal to the members for the decision of the chair, when the question shall be stated thus "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained" which shall be decided by a majority of all the members voting.

# **ARTICLE 8 (AMENDMENTS)**

**Sec 1** Any proposed amendments to these by-laws shall be offered in writing to the Fire Board members and shall be reviewed and tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting. No alterations or amendments shall be made unless two thirds of all the members are present and concur.

# **ARTICLE 9 (ORDER OF BUSINESS)**

- 1 Roll Call
- 2 Reading minutes of previous meeting
- 3 Treasurer's quarterly report or as requested
- 4 Reports of Committees
- 5 Nominations of candidates for membership
- 6 Election of Officers and members
- 7 New Business
- 8 Unfinished and miscellaneous business
- 9 Adjournment

# **ARTICLE 10 (INSURANCE)**

**SEC 1** Each eligible member will be provided a life insurance policy at no cost while an active member in Good Standing of the department. After five years of service, and upon conclusion of departmental service, the member may elect to continue the policy at his/her own expense.

**SEC 2** The Firemen's Relief Act (FRA) is the owner and primary benefactor of the member's policy during the member's active duty. Each policyholder must designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to the secretary.

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# Office Committee Recommendation

The Office Committee recommends the renewal of the City's BlueCross and BlueShield Health/Dental Insurance.

The BCBC renewal starting on June 1, 2022, will be an estimated \$27,241.23 per month. (Starting 2021 premium was \$25,986.91 per month) Health Insurance premiums increased 5.77% for Health Insurance and 5.40% for Dental Insurance. The City's Health Insurance plan is age based instead of usage based.

The total budgeted amount for 2022 is \$341,000 the renewal will cost an estimated \$326,894.76 for the year running from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. The City pay's the full premium up front and is reimburse out the employees pay each pay period (26 Pay Periods) for the 20% of spouse or family Health Insurance and Dental Premiums. The City will be reimbursed an estimated \$44,963.37 making the actual amount spent on Health and Dental insurance an estimated \$284,931.39

# **BCBS Health Insurance Renewal:**

- BCBS Health Insurance when up 5.77%
- BCBS Dental Insurance when up 5.40%
- City Budget for 2022 Health/Dental Insurance \$341,000
  - o Total Estimated Cost \$27,241.23 x 12 = \$326.894.76
- The City will be reimbursed an estimated \$44,963.37 over a 12-month period for the 20% of spouse or family Health Insurance and Dental premiums.