

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 Brooks, Sharon Haun, and Larry Siegrist. City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Bill Halvorsen were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Kay Hutchinson, Vern Hays, Diane Wolfe, Ken McClintock, and Brian Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Vern Hays informed the Council that he is now the local representative for the Flint Hills Scenic Byway Committee out of Strong City and is the representative for the County and that Diane Wolfe had been the representative for the city. Mr. Hays requested that the city reestablish the radio system at the request of the committee and state. Mr. Hays would like to see it up and running again before it gets cold. City Administrator Nick Jones inquired if Mr. Hays knew if the system could be changed over to digital to make easier to use and for more than just information about the historic sites. Mr. Hays said he was unsure and that we would need to contact Kansas Travel and Tourism. City Administrator Nick Jones asked for a contact to inquire about the possible transition to digital. It was suggested that City Administrator Nick Jones contact Kelli Orender with the State.

Ken McClintock addressed the Council regarding the 1% fund and suggested sense there seems to be a large amount of money in the fund that some of the money can be used to complete Hermits Cave. Mr. McClintock said that a plan had been approved several years ago, but it lacked funding to do the project. Councilperson Sharon Haun suggested that the plans be revisited and updated before moving forward to make sure there is accurate numbers for cost. The Council agreed to have the Historic Site Committee update the plan for future discussions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried 6 - 0

OLD BUSINESS

- **North Riverwalk Extension – Update:**
City Administrator Nick Jones reported that S & J Electric will start moving in on Monday to start install of the electrical and light along the sidewalk. City Administrator Nick Jones noted that the start time was delayed due to shortage in supplies.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Removal of Dead Trees at Greenwood Cemetery Bids:**
City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the City Council two bids that were received for removal of dead trees at Greenwood Cemetery. Slawson Tree Service and Lange Tree Service both placed bids for the work.
 - Slawson Tree Service bid was for \$3,750 to remove 9 dead pine trees and 1 cedar tree with the top broken out. Slawson also included an option for stump grinding in the amount of \$550 for all 10 stumps for a total of \$4,300.
 - Lange Tree Service bid was \$9,000 for 9 dead pine trees and 1 cedar tree with the option of stump grinding for all 10 stumps for \$1,500 for a total of \$10,500.After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to accept the bid from Slawson Tree Service for the removal of 9 dead pine trees and 1 cedar tree with stump grinding for a total of \$4,300. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Cemetery Endowment Fund Resolution:**
City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the City Council a Resolution to move funds from the Cemetery Endowment Fund to the General Cemetery Fund to pay for the removal of trees and stump grinding at Greenwood Cemetery. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Brooks to approve the resolution to move funds from the Cemetery Endowment Fund to the General Cemetery Fund for the removal of trees and stump

grinding at Greenwood Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Community Events Application – Arts Council – Sethfest**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the City Council with the Community Events Application from the Arts Council for Sethfest.

- Friday, August 20th will have visual artists & musicians at the downtown businesses from 6-8pm. Artists/musicians will be set up at businesses selling their goods or playing music.
- Saturday, August 21st has events planned throughout the day with a memorial for Max Byrum from 10-12 at the amphitheater. Mural unveiling and corn hole tournament at and sponsored by Grove Gardens. Community Arts Council will be hosting kid's activities at the amphitheater area from 4-6pm. There will be face painting, ice cream, community band playing at various businesses from 6-8pm. The event will conclude with bands at the amphitheater from 8-10pm.
- 9 board members and volunteers will be present. Clean up will take place after the events are complete. Porta Potties and trash bins will be available for patrons.

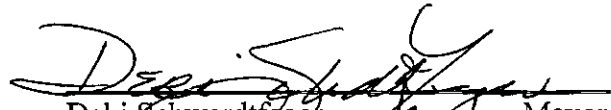
After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – said the car show was a great event and is looking forward to next year.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – informed the City Council that he was asked by a city employee about putting up a mirror by the water plant to help with entering the roadway sense it is on a blind curve. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would work with Jeff Barbo to get a mirror. Councilperson Brooks also spoke to the Council about replacing 14 signs that had faded at a cost of \$490. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner and seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0. Councilperson Brooks inquired if the City would be alright with a gentlemen from Texas who is attending the wagon show on Sept. 17th & 18th could set up at Fairgrounds Park and setup a temporary stall for his horses. City Administrator Nick Jones suggested we contact the county and see if we can use the 4-H facilities, which have holding pens and electric. City Administrator Jones said he would check into it and get back to Councilperson Brooks.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked everyone helping out with Sethfest.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** -- Absent
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – presented the Council with a request from H3 America Fishing Tournament to hold the event at the City Lake on Sunday Sept. 12th from 6am – 2pm. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to allow the event at the City Lake. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0. City Administrator Jones also presented a request from American Sidecar of the Flint Hills to use Durland park for 2hrs on Saturday afternoon on Sept. 25th. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the request to use Durland Park. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0. City Administrator Jones reminded the Council of the City Lake Annexation Committee meeting on Thursday the 5th at 5:30pm.
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A

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


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

