

City Council Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2022

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Sean Honer, Sharon Haun, and Denise Hartman, Larry Siegrist also present were City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Brian Henderson. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Deidre Knight, Christy Alexander, Pastor Billy Kryger, Andy Benning, David Dobratz, Zoey Bond.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

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

OLD BUSINESS

• **Water Tower: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones updated the City Council on the Water Tower rehabilitation and informed the Council that Viking Industries would not be able to start work until the second week in November. Administrator Jones and Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige agreed that moving the work to March/April would be best to avoid issues with winter weather.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association: Update**

Zoey Bond the Executive Director of the Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association updated the City Council on the visitor numbers for 2020 and 2021. Bond said there was a 6% increase from 2020 to 2021 in paid memberships, 3 ribbon cuttings in 2021 and 7 ribbon cuttings in 2022. Gift certificate sales in 2021 were +\$45,000 and increased to +\$55,000 in 2021. Website visitors were 10,207 in 2020 and 15,284 in 2021. Facebook followers in 2019 were 2,111 and in 2021 2,982 for a total reached in 2019 of 66,200 and +72,000 in 2021. Bond said there will be a new visitors guide available gala in February and a new website will be unveiled.

• **City Lake Committee Recommendation: E-21 Michael and Brook Woodward**

City Administrator Nick Jones read the recommendation from the City Lake Committee to approve a boundary line adjustment request of 30 feet on the west side and 56 feet on the east side for a 24' by 33' garage. Administrator Jones noted that the adjustment will no restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins and has adjusted for access to the area. The neighboring leaseholds are aware of this request and have indicted such in writing. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the City Lake Committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Motion carried 5 – 0

• **Request: Outstanding Checks Resolution:**

City Administrator Nick Jones requested to the Council that City Attorney Brian Henderson create a resolution to cancel warrants (outstanding checks) with the authority granted to the City in K.S.A 10-816. After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to have the City Attorney create a resolution to cancel warrants (outstanding checks). The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0

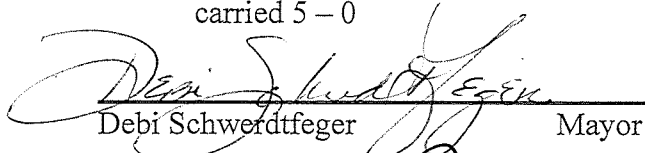
• **3 Mile Exterritorial: Discussion:**

City Attorney Brian Henderson spoke to the Council regarding the 3 Mile Exterritorial ordinance and that Ordinance 2193 that was passed in December of 2017 was repealed in February of 2018 in Ordinance 2195 because the order of notice was not done correctly. City Attorney Henderson said all that would need to be done is a notice for a Public Hearing be put in the paper to allow residents who have concerns or questions to address

the City Council. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would work with City Attorney Brian Henderson to get the hearing schedule.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
 - **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Thanked everyone involved with the Halloween Parade.
 - **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Absent
 - **Denise Hartman** – Thanked everyone involved with the Halloween Parade.
 - **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Thanked everyone involved with the Halloween Parade and brought up a complaint from a resident regarding stray cats. After some discussion Administrator Jones and City Attorney Henderson said they would look into what possibly can be done.
 - **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
 - **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Excited about the future plans of the Chamber.
 - **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
 - **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said he went and accepted and award in Osawatomie from U.S Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for Environmental excellence award for assisting with the Kansas Wildlife and Parks grant to finish the Flint Hills Trail.
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

