## City Council Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021

# 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 Berner, Sharon Haun, and Mark Brooks. City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Larry Fisher, Aron Doty, Carolyn Bolen, and Donna Bundy. Councilperson Larry Siegrist was absent

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

Carolyne Bolen with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented to the City Council a Proclamation to proclaim September 17-23 as Constitution Week to ask citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787. After discussion Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to proclaim September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 4-0. Mark Berner was not present.

417 Superintendent Aron Doty asked the City Council to allow the fireworks at home football games on September  $10^{th}$ ,  $24^{th}$  and October  $8^{th}$ ,  $15^{th}$ . After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 4-0 – Mark Berner was not present.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- August 17, 2021, Minutes
- Special Meeting Minutes
- Aug 17, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: K-23
- Riverbank Brewing, LLC Club Liquor License

Motion carried 4 - 0 – Mark Berner was not present

## **OLD BUSINESS**

# • North Riverwalk Extension – Update:

City Administrator Nick Jones reported that one of the new light poles would need to be replaced after being hit by one of the sub-contractors and the S & J would come back to install the new pole and rewire the lights for LED lights.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# • City Lake Committee Recommendation – B-10

City Inspector James Masters presented the recommendation from the City Lake Committee regarding the request from Ron and Cherisse Jantz B-10 for 30 feet end cap extension for the construction of a two-car garage. The City Lake Committee recommended approval of the request to the City Council. After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the recommendation from the City Lake Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 4 – 0 – Mark Berner was not present.

# • City Code 12-612 – Definition of a Boathouse

City Inspector James Masters and City Attorney Bill Halvorsen presented to the City Council a suggested definition change to City Code 12-612a to define what is considered a boat house. Inspector Masters told the Council that tenants at the City Lake are applying for boat house permits but not putting in doors or ramps to allow for the storage of a boat. The definition of a boathouse means a single story detached accessory structure not exceeding 16 feet above the floor of the structure, designed, and used to house, shelter, store or protect boats, watercraft and related marine equipment. The structure will be on a permeant foundation located on the waterfront of the lot not more than 25 feet from the high-water mark. The structure will be constructed to allow boats to be launched into or hauled out of the lake. The structure shall not contain a toilet, sink, bathroom,

kitchen or sleeping facilities. After discussion the City Council agreed to the definition needed changed. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen prepared an ordinance changing the definition of a boat house in the city code. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 - 0

# Council Grove Public Library Recommendation: Appointment of Susan Graham

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger presented the recommendation from the Council Grove Public Library Trustee Board to appoint Susan Graham as a Trustee. If appointed, she will fill Jan Dugan's spot on the board. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sharon Haun to approve the appointment od Susan Graham. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 - 0

#### Police Committee Recommendation:

o Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger presented the recommendation of the Police Committee to appoint Jason Back from Class A Officer to Lieutenant. Officer Bacon has shown to be an important part of the success and continued growth of the Council Grove Police Department. Officer Bacon is respected by his peers and is called upon to answer questions and assist the other officers. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 5-0

## Executive Session - City Lake

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to go into executive session that included the entire council, City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Bill Halvorsen to discuss the City Lake for 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Upon calling the meeting back to order no action was taken.

#### **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- Councilperson Jason Booker Thanked the City crews for fixing the water leak on Washington Street.
- Councilperson Mark Berner N/A
- Councilperson Keith Wessel N/A
- Councilperson Mark Brooks on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> Faith on the Trail service on the ruts.
- Councilperson Larry Siegrist Absent
- Councilperson Sharon Haun Had a good weekend with the Military.
- City Attorney Bill Halvorsen N/A
- City Administrator Nick Jones N/A
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger N/A

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Debi Schwerdtfeger

Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones

City Administrator