

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 were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Sharon McVay, Fred Bammes, Kelley Judd, Stephen McKnight, Shirley McClintock.

Public Hearing: Cares Grant – Evaluating the performance of Grant No. 20-CV-076

City Administrator Nick Jones explained to the City Council that the purpose of the second Public Hearing was to inform the citizens of the project's successful or unsuccessful completion and to obtain input on the grantee's performance. City Administrator Nick Jones informed the City Council that the 9 businesses were very appreciative of the City's willingness to apply for the grant and that it helped get them through the COVID19 lockdown. City Administrator Nick Jones told the City Council he would recommend that in the future that the City hire a Grant Administrator to handle the grant. Councilperson Keith Wessel agreed that with the amount of paperwork and time committed to administer the grant it would be a good move to hire a Grant Administrator in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Kelly Judd thanked the city and city crews for all the work done at the Riverwalk for the Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail. Cannot say thanks enough!

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 6, 2021, Minutes
- July 6, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: E-13A

Motion carried 5 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

- **North Riverwalk Extension – Update:**

City Administrator Nick Jones reported that the Bryant and Bryant construction has poured most of the concrete and that lighting is still scheduled to be installed anytime now with plans to be completed by the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Sales Tax Grant Committee Recommendations:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the Sales Tax Committee Recommendations to the City Council:

- **Voices of the Wind Pageant** requested \$5,000 in sales tax grant funding. The Sales Tax Grant Committee recommended the approval of the request. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Brooks to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist – Motion Carried 4 – 0 with 1 assentation, Councilperson Sharon Haun.
- **Council Grove Arts Council** – SethFest requested \$10,000 in sales tax grant funding. The Sales Tax Grant Committee voted to recommend the approval of a modified amount of \$5,000. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the modified amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0
- **Historic Preservation Corp.** requested \$15,000 in sales tax grant funding. The Sales Tax Grant Committee voted to recommend the approval of a modified amount of \$5,000. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the modified amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion Carried 6 – 0
- **Kansas Agriculture & Rural Leadership, Inc. (KARL Program)** requested \$2,700 in sales tax grant funding. The Sales Tax Grant Committee recommended the approval of the request. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **City Social Media Policy – First Reading**

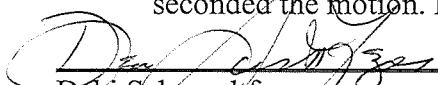
City Administrator Nick Jones presented to the Council the proposed City Social Media Policy first reading. After discussion of the Social Media Policy a motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the City Social Media Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **City Lake Annexation Committee Work Study – Schedule Next Meeting**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger requested a work study for the City Lake Annexation Committee. The proposed dates were July 27th at 5:30pm in City Hall or August 5th at 5:30pm in City Hall. City Administrator Nick Jones told the Mayor he will email the Annexation Committee and let the Council know what day works best for everyone.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Thanked the City Crews for the patch work on Washington Street and said it was a great weekend.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Absent
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – Asked about the progress on the Scenic byway Radio. City Administrator Nick Jones said that he was still waiting on the contact information for the person that works on these systems. Councilperson Mark Brooks also inquired if the repair work on Main Street was all the APAC was going to do and if so, the city got taken for a ride. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would follow up with APAC and Dave Duncan regarding the repair work. Councilperson Brooks also thanked the city crews for all of their work before and during the Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail and wants to look at making it an annual event. Councilperson Brooks also announced that the City Recreation Department would be hosting the Babe Ruth 13 – 15 year old State Tournament this coming weekend.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanks the city crews for all of their help and that is was a great weekend and she received several complements about Council Grove.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – Absent
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Informed the Council the City was awarded a \$300,000 grant from KDOT for HWY56 in 2022 and that the city also will be receiving \$321,769.41 from the America Rescue Plan Act.
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – asked if the lights for the Amphitheater stairs have been ordered. City Administrator Nick Jones said he is trying to find a good deal on them. Mayor Schwerdtfeger also asked about the railing for the stairs and when that would be done. City Administrator Nick Jones told the Council they were being built and should be done anytime now. Mayor Schwerdtfeger requested that Councilpersons Mark Berner, Mark Brooks, and Keith Wessel look into short term camping spots in the city and at the City Lake. Mayor Schwerdtfeger told the Council that the Santa Fe Trail Committee done a great job with the Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail.
- Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0



Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:



Nick Jones City Administrator

