

**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, Larry Siegrist, City Administrator Nick Jones, and City Attorney Bill Halvorsen were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, Larry Fisher, Beth Watts, Cindy Jensen, Lindsay Gant, Stephen McKnight. Councilperson Mark Brooks was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

Beth Watts and Lindsay Gant presented an ideal for a “pop-up” dog park to gage community interest in having a permanent dog park. City Administrator Nick Jones said that he would need to check into issues with insurance and covering a “pop-up” dog park sense it is not the City that is doing it but located on city property. Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Gant requested the use of the fencing used for events and the city crews set them up and take them down after the event, along with doggy bags for waste, benches, and trash cans. Two locations were suggested were Neosho Riverwalk Park and Fairgrounds Park next to the Aquatic Center. The other location that was brought up was Becker Park as a possible location for the “pop-up” dog park. No motion was made, but barring issues with insurance the Council did not have a problem with possible having a “pop-up” dog park.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4 – 0 with 1 abstention Larry Siegrist. The consent agenda consisted of:

- Sept 5, 2021, Minutes
- Sept 5, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **North Riverwalk Extension – Update:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones reported that the new light pole that was hit by one of the sub-contractors will arrive on the 28<sup>th</sup> and that S & J Electric will in stall the pole and rewire the lights poles for LED lights soon after.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **City Audit – Cindy Jensen:**  
Cindy Jensen the City Auditor presented the 2020 city audit to the City Council. Mrs. Jensen reported the things are headed in the right direction and that she had a much easier time getting documents and completing the audit. Mrs. Jensen went through the various departments and line items noting that the city sales tax had done well in 2020.
- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Markese Godley**  
Mayor Debi Schwartdfeger read the recommendation for the Police and Fire Committee to hire Markese Godley as a Class B Officer at a payrate of \$16.50 per hour with a 6 – month probationary period. The appointment is contingent on passing a drug test, physical, background check, and psychological examination. Mayor Schwartdfeger asked for a motion to approve the recommendation. A motion was made by Councilperson Sharon Haun to approve the appointment of Markese Godley. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 – 0
- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Council Grove Fire Department Gear**  
City Administrator Nick Jones presented a recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee to the City Council to purchase Structural PPE, Wildland PPE, and Bunker Coat name tags in the amount of \$14,782 for the Council Grove Fire Department. City Administrator Jones noted that the current gear is at the end of its life or getting close to being outdated. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee to purchase gear for the Council Grove Fire Department to come out of equipment reserve. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 – 0
- **TCW Camera Proposal – Riverwalk Park**  
City Administrator Nick Jones presented a proposal from Tri County Wireless (TCW) to purchase and install camera equipment at the Riverwalk Park in the amount of \$6,359.81

City Administrator Jones noted that there have been several issues with vandalism at the Riverwalk Park and a camera system would limit activity after hours at the park, while also providing video in the event there is more vandalism. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the proposal from TCW in the amount of \$6,359.81 to come from Infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 5 – 0

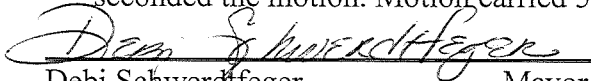
• **Executive Session – City Lake**

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to go into executive session concerning the City Lake, which include the City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Administrator for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5- 0. On returning to the Council meeting no action was taken.

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – asked about progress on Scenic Byway radio system. City Administrator Jones said he has been in contact with Ken Klamm who is working with the REA to install the system at their location.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – said that the Santa Fe Trail committee did a great job. Councilperson Berner also inquire about the 20mph sign next the courthouse. City Administrator Jones said that Police Chief Wangerin was waiting to hear back from KDOT.
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – said the Santa Fe Trail Committee did a fantastic job.
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> Faith on the Trail service on the ruts.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked the Council for what was said about the Santa Fe Trail Committee. Thanked the City for their efforts for the Voices of the Wind Pageant.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – asked the Council if they were alright with the Streets and Parks Committee continuing to work with him of the SRTS project. No one on Council had an issue with the committee continuing with the project.
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said she heard many compliments about the Santa Fe Trail 200 activities and thanked the Committee, City Crews, Police and Council.

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

