

November 27, 2018
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on November 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present: Jody Cole, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioners; Will Mechnig, Student Representative; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Terry J. Solander, City Attorney; and Nancy Hermreck, Interim City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by Sam Stoltzfus, Beacon of Truth Church, giving the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF KDHE WATER PLANT LOAN

With no comments to be heard from the public, the hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Governing Body reviewed the November 13, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Cole to approve the November 13, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mark Powls addressed the Governing Body concerning several proposed increases to the citizens. The first increase was the cost of a five-member commission of which he asked the current commission to accept a decrease in pay to help fund the two (2) new members. In regard to the utility rate comparison, Mr. Powls stated that he felt the city should avoid increasing utility rates at all cost. Lastly, Mr. Powls agrees the employees deserve an increased Christmas bonus, but he feels all of the increases being proposed will not be good for the City.

GOVERNING BODY

Student Representative Will Mechnig shared information about a classroom assignment his class had received to write a persuasive letter. One of the letters written was about the need for a left-hand turn signal at the intersection of Hwy 59/31. Student Representative Mechnig will present the letter at the next meeting.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss congratulated Brandi Lopez for her five (5) years of service at the ECKAN Office and Ty Hedrick for becoming an Eagle Scout. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss also thanked those that volunteered at the Fire Department and Christmas Parade. She also reminded everyone of the Holiday Homes Tour this weekend.

Commissioner Gwin commented on the Christmas Parade and the large number of floats and the good crowd in attendance.

Mayor Cole thanked the Chamber for a well-attended Christmas Parade, the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail volunteers for decorating the Donna Harris Park and the city crews for braving the elements to clear the city streets. Mayor Cole also encouraged everyone to donate generously to the Mayor's

Caring and Sharing Project this year because Harvesters Emergency Food Distribution may not be coming to Garnett in December.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Approval of Resolution 2018-13: KDHE Water Loan and Application. After discussion, Commissioner Gwin made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-13: KDHE Water Loan and Application with amount amended to \$13,696,834.70. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1, Mayor Cole didn't feel the need to change the amount so cast the no vote.
- Announcement of the City of Garnett Flag Competition Winner. Emma Self of Garnett submitted the winning flag drawing.
- Five-Member Commission Structure Options. Discussion on increasing to a five-member commission was held. Commissioner Gwin made a motion to increase the commission to a five-member commission. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1, Mayor Cole cast the no vote.
- Consideration of Purchase of Real Estate. City Manager Weiner advised the Governing Body of the opportunity the city has been offered to purchase highway frontage acreage located along North Hwy 59 on the north edge of the City Limits. More information is needed before a decision can be made to purchase the land.

Commissioner Gwin made a motion to take a five (5) minute recess from 7:45 to 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- Utility Rate Comparison. Discussion on changing utility rates was tabled to give the Governing Body more time to review the comparisons.
- Comprehensive Plan Update Review and Approval. After discussion, Mayor Cole made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's report. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Appointment of Anderson County Development Agency Position for the City Commission. Mayor Cole advised the commission that she was willing to continue her appointment on the ACDA Board. Following no opposition, Mayor Cole made a motion to approve herself to serve on the Anderson County Development Agency Board for the 2019-2020 term. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Raising Christmas Bonuses to \$225 for City Employees. After discussion, Mayor Cole made a motion to approve a cash Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$200 for City Employees. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- Setting Date for Second City Commission Meeting in December. After discussion it was agreed upon to hold the second December meeting on Wednesday, December 26.
- Consideration of Semi-monthly Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$281,974.60. Mayor Cole made a motion to approve the semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$281,974.60. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's Report was received and discussed.

City Christmas Celebration Friday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Bush City Bash Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

City Manager Weiner asked the Governing Body to reconsider their stance on the residency requirements for the City Clerk position. Manager Weiner mentioned the inconsistency of the living requirements for other departmental supervisors and board members as well as the experience factor of the potential candidate. City employees, Gary Giczewski, Travis Wilson, Betty Jasper, Kris Hix, and Julie Turnipseed spoke in support of relaxing the living requirements for the city clerk position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gwin asked for a fifteen (15) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel according to K.S.A. Statue 75-4319 (b) 1 with the Commissioners and the City Manager present. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked for a nine (9) minute break before entering executive session.

Mayor Cole made a motion to discuss individual employee performance pursuant to non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. Statue 75-4319 (b) 1. Fifteen (15) minute session to begin at 9:10 p.m. after a nine (9) minute break with the following present: Manager Weiner, Attorney Solander and the Commissioners. Motion failed as a majority of the Commission did not desire Attorney Solander to be present.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded Commissioner Gwin's executive session request without legal counsel present. Motion passed 2-1.

At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

At 9:40 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

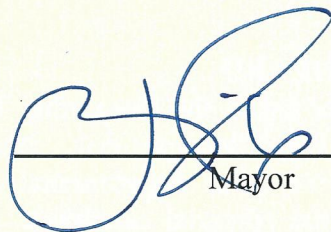
At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

At 9:50 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

At 9:55 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

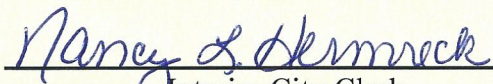
At 10:02 p.m. Mayor Cole called the meeting back to order. With no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Cole motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gwin. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:



Interim City Clerk