

August 18, 2016
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on August 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Greg A. Gwin, Mayor; W. Gordon Blackie and Jody M. Cole, City Commissioners; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager; and Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Absent: City Attorney Terry J. Solander. Whereupon the written request for said meeting as signed by Commissioners Gwin, Blackie and Cole was read as follows:

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of the City of Garnett, Kansas respectfully request that a special meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Garnett, Kansas be held at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2016 for the purpose of considering the following items, to-wit:

1. Budget workshop
2. Any other lawful business to come before the Governing Body

Signed:

Greg A. Gwin
W. Gordon Blackie
Jody M. Cole

The Clerk was instructed to enter such request at length on the journal.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Gwin.

Mayor Gwin requested consideration to table the budget workshop to allow him more time to review the revised figures. After discussion, Commissioners Cole and Blackie agreed with this request. The next budget workshop will be Tuesday, August 23, 2016 following the regular commission meeting.

Mayor Gwin discussed road repairs at the north lake. He believes the street superintendent wasn't fully aware of the depth of the existing culvert. Eighteen inches of asphalt was milled off the road because this was how road repairs were made in the past, i.e. lay asphalt over asphalt with no milling done. Killough Construction has been helping the street superintendent to make sure installation of the new pipe is done properly. Another city employee, who has construction experience, has been helping with this project.

City Manager Martin reported there was an electrical outage in town today after a Killough Construction truck driver backed up and hit an electric pole when he was dumping millings at the south substation. The driver was not hurt.

Mayor Gwin reported that he received a call last night about a sewer backup on West 12th. The homeowner was having sewer problems and had rented a machine to clean his line. He had hauled several buckets of water out but couldn't get ahead of the flow so looked in the manhole and it was full of water up to six inches from the top. He said he told the homeowner to call 911 to request sewer department crews to respond.

City Commissioner Cole stated when she lived in this house they had trouble with water in the basement because the sump pump could not keep up when it rained a large amount. The next owner had trouble as well. This is a different situation from the sewer backup.

Mayor Gwin said the police department fleet report looks like the vehicles are in good shape. The charger with 142,000 was taken out of service as there are alignment issues with it.

City Manager Martin reported that she spoke to Gary Eccelfield, Airport Manager, to see if we can sell jet fuel. Gary reminded her that Dave Lybarger of Lybarger Oil, had told us last year that municipalities can't get the price breaks like private businesses plus the fuel pump equipment is expensive. Commissioner Blackie stated this is not the way he remembers the situation.

Mayor Gwin stated that at the time the "wing mower" was bought for the park department, no additional mowers could be purchased until this equipment was paid off. He said the remainder of their fleet of mowers will deteriorate during this time. He suggested giving the airport the best park department mower and purchase a new mower for the park.

City Manager Martin said Mr. Eccelfield and the Airport Advisory Board believes we need to consider replacing the roof on the city's hangar. Mayor Gwin stated we have budgeted funds for ADA improvements for several years and we need to get this done. An ADA door has already been purchased and street crews know they must first cut the brick to make the door opening larger. The sidewalk needs to be widened and bushes trimmed back. Mayor Gwin stated we need to take bids and get the ADA work completely done. Depending upon the bid, we may just hire a contractor and get the roof replaced.

City Manager Martin reported that she asked Dennis Arnold, Economic Development Director, to write a report or come to a meeting to provide information on what projects he is working on and what has been accomplished in the past.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Greg A. Gwin
Mayor

Attest:

Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk