

June 28, 2016
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on June 28, 2016 at 6:00 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; Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Also attending: Jeremy DuPont, ACHS Youth in Government Representative.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Ron Jones, Minister of the First Baptist Church giving the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Gwin said he noticed the cement block work on the back of the stadium was finished and asked when it would be painted. City Manager Martin said staff will need to start with a good primer followed by a coat of latex paint. It is hoped to have this completed by mid-July. She stated crews had a culvert cave in today and are also dealing with a bad water leak. Electric crews are trying to get the remaining memorial banners hung and mowing needs to be completed before the holiday week-end so the painting had to be delayed. Mayor Gwin asked for a date when this project would start.

Mayor Gwin asked if the new trash truck had been delivered. The city manager replied it should be here by the end of next week. Once received, the delivery date will be entered on the contract and arrangements made to request the money from GSSB.

Mayor Gwin stated that the trash barrels are still at the back and south end of the stadium. City Manager Martin reported that the inside of the stadium is full with bleachers and the old recreation center equipment that was moved there after the new equipment was donated. Park crews are working to rearrange the stadium storage area so they can move the barrels inside, Mayor Gwin said he would like that to happen before the July 4th week-end. The City Manager stated that organizers of special events get extra barrels that are located outside the stadium so we may have to start giving them a key to the storage area. She will discuss this matter with Brian Maloan.

Mayor Gwin requested a list of city streets that the county could help with chip and sealing.

Mayor Gwin reported the employee brunch was nice and serving breakfast was a nice change.

Commissioner Cole stated the back of the stadium looks great.

Commissioner Cole stated that the lot where the old Garnett Church Furniture Factory was located looks great.

Commissioner Cole commended the staff who coordinated the employee brunch. She said a lot of work goes into planning and putting these events together.

Jeremy DuPont reported students are still working on their list of what equipment they would like for the skate park.

The General Report of City Manager Joyce E. Martin was received and discussed, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

City Manager Martin reported that we received the assessed valuation figures for the 2017 budget. It is estimated that each mill will produce \$22,000 as compared to \$17,900 for 2016. The increase is attributed to the ethanol plant, even though they have indicated their decision to file an appeal with the Board of Tax Appeals on the assessed valuation determined by the Anderson County Appraiser. The state form calculates the final mill levy from this information and automatically populates the respective fields on this form so staff can't make any adjustments. When budget preparation is done in 2017 for the 2018 budget, staff and city commissioners needs to be aware of the new law that says if the proposed levy goes over the CPI, the county clerk will have to send a ballot to each registered voter asking them if they will approve a tax increase. Because of this decision, there are many questions as to what can be done with the budget over the next few years, so some cities plan on raising their mill levies this year. She stated she is afraid that holding the line on our mill levies for the past several years may cause us budget problems the next few years.

City Manager Martin reported that Chris Goetz has raised a considerable amount of money for the disc golf course so he wants to start with the 24 hole course rather than the 18 holes. He has asked the city manager for help in preparing a grant request to the Goppert Foundation.

The Kansas FiberNet agreement came back and has been sent to the codifiers who are reviewing our current codes. They are about half way through this process. There are some companies who have expressed interest in partnering with Kansas FiberNet to provide service to residential customers.

City Manager Martin reported that the remaining veteran banners are being hung and staff is placing them near businesses that people owned or worked at.

City Manager Martin reported that the 4th of July Libertyfest will be held on July 2nd with a rain date of July 3rd.

City Manager Martin reported that Killough Construction had time available so they are working on Hayes Street and Kings Highway. They will be back at a later date to complete the remainder of the planned street work.

City Manager Martin reported that we missed asking the commission to approve the Chamber of Commerce agreement for Libertyfest.. Insurance policies have been presented and reviewed by City Attorney Solander. This matter will be discussed under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gwin read a letter from Governor Sam Brownback for the Department of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.

Commissioner Cole presented the Merit certificates to: Beth Mersman, Kansas Property Place; Kevin Maloan, Maloan's Restaurant; and Kelsy Cooper, Patriots Bank.

Commissioner Cole presented the Regional Business Award plaques and certificates to: Sheila Wilson, Administrator of Guest Home Estates VII; and Terry & Sandra Zook, Sandra's Quick Stop.

City Manager Martin reviewed the sales tax and transient guest tax reports, which includes part of the salary for the shared position of the City Administrative Assistant/Chamber Executive Director. The recreation center report for May was also reviewed.

Mayor Gwin questioned how the County handles their commercial customers during clean-up week. City Manager Martin said that County Clerk Phyllis Gettler stated at the joint meeting that the county doesn't allow them to dump for free. She said the City has included commercial customers for many years; however, this will no longer be the case because of the decision made by the county commissioners. Mayor Gwin reported that September 12-16, 2016 will be fall clean-up week.

City Manager Martin reported that C.B. Harris, Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revisited, has requested street closings on a portion of Fourth Avenue from 107 W. Fourth Ave by Eric Brummel's building east to Oak Street; and the north, south, and west parking areas adjacent to the courthouse. They are expecting 250 cars this year. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve this request. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

City Manager Martin reported that temporary camping areas have been expanded by the soccer field for Libertyfest and Cornstock. The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival event has 30 campers who wish to be together so we are checking into putting them in the skeet shooting area since other areas will be utilized for their cars. The self-contained campers will pay \$15 per night. Eventually we plan to add another row of campsites at the Club House Bend site.

The Governing Body took a few minutes to review the Chamber of Commerce Agreement for Libertyfest. City Manager Martin stated this is the standard agreement. No City employees will

help with shooting off the fireworks as the Chamber has hired a professional shooter who will bring people with him. A city fire truck will be available in the shooting location. Commissioner Blackie stated this is a better way to do this by having someone licensed to shoot the fireworks themselves.

Commissioner Blackie questioned how the water surface is closed but fishing is allowed as stated in Paragraph 8. City Manager Martin stated the lake surface is closed for boats but people can still fish from the bank in the neck and east side of the lake.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the Chamber of Commerce Agreement for Libertyfest on July 2nd, with a rain date of July 3rd. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ordinance # 4150 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. Commissioner Blackie questioned the laptops purchased from the drug fund. City Manager Martin replied that the laptops are for municipal court to accommodate the new software for the judge, court clerk and city attorney. They were unable to deliver the first order, a credit was issued and a new order placed. The warrants also include a desktop for the joint City Administrative Assistant/Chamber Executive Director. Half of this expense was paid by the City and the other half by the Chamber. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Ordinance #4150 as read. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes –none. Ordinance #4150 paid warrants in the amount of \$66,480.35.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:46 p.m., Mayor Gwin adjourned the regular meeting to executive session to discuss personnel for 30 minutes, after a 5-minute break, to 6:50 p.m. At 7:20 p.m. the executive session was extended for another 20 minutes.

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Gwin called the meeting back to order. No action was taken following the executive session. Mayor Gwin encouraged everyone to participate in the activities at the North Park this week-end.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

/s/ Greg A. Gwin
Mayor

Attest:
/s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk