

September 18, 2017
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on September 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; Jody M. Cole and Greg A. Gwin, City Commissioners; Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager; and Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Whereupon the written request for said meeting as signed by Commissioners Cole, Gwin and Blackie 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 September 18, 2017 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:

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Blackie.

Commissioner Gwin asked about the sewer project. City Manager Weiner replied the plan calls for using Insituform to fill in cracks on the sewer lines. The plan projected \$500,000 in 2018, however he did not build that into the 2018 budget. Jay Narco, engineer, had provided information showing the camera data results came back better than expected. We still need to do the work, just not as much as originally anticipated. City Manager Weiner recommended evaluation of utility rates over a three (3) year period.

City Manager Weiner reported that he has projected greater than \$2,000,000 more in spending than revenue being brought in. We have a 1.4% tax lid this year.

City Manager Weiner will have Kansas Rural Water Association do a rate analysis on our water rates. Commissioner Gwin stated he would like to see a rate study within a 60-mile radius of Garnett. City Manager Weiner will also look at rates to see what customers are

paying for Lyon/Coffey County Electric and KCP&L. Gas base charge each month needs to cover the cost to operate the system and lower the usage rate for more stability.

City Manager Weiner reported PEC engineering is on hold for the water plant project. Commissioner Gwin questioned if City Attorney Solander had reviewed the agreement before it was signed last year since it was not brought before the governing body. City Manager Weiner will verify.

Commissioner Cole asked the city manager to prepare a proposal on the utility rates. She also requested examples on what the proposed property tax levy would cost the average homeowner.

The governing body members will each meet with the city manager individually to answer their specific questions on the budget.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

s/ W. Gordon Blackie
Mayor

Attest:

s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk