

February 23, 2016
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on February 23, 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.

Mayor Gwin welcomed Jeremy DuPont, ACHS Youth in Government Representative.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016 as read. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ruth Theis, President of the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail, reported on several projects the group does for the community. She asked that the interior of the Santa Fe Depot be repaired and painted and remove paper items that are stuck on the ceilings. She also asked that city personnel pick-up toilet paper that is being thrown around the restrooms. She asked that attention be given to the back side of the stadium at the North Lake Park. She suggested erecting a privacy fence to hide the trash barrels and paint the back side of the stadium.

Bill Ratliff thanked everyone involved who had the foresight to turn the old rails into a trail. The 20th anniversary celebration will be this year. He participated in the Bike Across Kansas and many participants talk about the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail. He encouraged the governing body to visit their website because there are always comments added to the site. He stated that the condition of the trail from Park Road to the South Lake has large cracks that causes what cyclists call “snakebite flats”. If a cyclist goes across the crack just right, it punctures holes in the tire tubes. He said someone put a rubber filler in the cracks in front of the depot and he recommended that type of filler rather than the asphalt that has been placed in the cracks in the past. From Seventh Street to Thirteenth Street, the trail has loose gravel and rock debris on the trail from the asphalt. He requested that the rubber filler be used in the other cracks. Some of the cracks are 1-inch wide and others are 3- 4-inches wide. He said the cracks run with the trail, rather than across the trail, which causes more trouble for cyclists.

City Manager Martin reported that park crews have started working on the back side of the stadium. She said any other available crews will help with renovations. She isn't sure if the

building needs a new roof. Event organizers know where the trash barrels are so they can use them and then return them once their event is over. She stated we could possibly store the trash barrels under the stadium and the public will need to make arrangements to get the trash barrels prior to their event. One (1) bid has been received on the depot repairs and another is expected. The first bidder estimated that there was at least one (1) month of work to be done for two (2) people.

Mayor Gwin asked that someone look at the cracks on the trail. City Manager Martin said that Trent McCown, trail manager, may have repaired those cracks. Commissioner Blackie stated that the organization has pointed out that the cold patch is not working so we need to use something better.

BIDS, PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS

Jay Norco, North Hills Engineering, reviewed the 10-year plan that was developed for the two (2) sewer projects. He presented a slide show presentation to review what the cameras had shown in various areas of our sewer system. He said we are ready to start Phase 2 of the plan now, which is along Maple Street and some alleys east of Maple. Most of the repairs will be under Highway 59. There will be some pipe replacement in key areas, but the majority will be repaired with CIPP that will be cured in place in the pipe. There are no joints and it uses a polyester fill fiber similar to fiberglass. The first contract will be to open cut the areas to make the necessary repairs. Estimates to do this portion of the work are \$36,500. The second contract will be the sewer CIPP lining which is estimated at \$92,000. He said this won't fix all the problems in the City and that it could take 20 to 30 years to gradually get everything done.

City Manager Martin added that sewer rates were increased last year to pay for the improvements each year. Reserves have been monitored and can be used as well. Mayor Gwin questioned if funds were available to start the repairs, and the city manager replied yes. The camera was purchased last year and has already been used in several areas therefore this actually began the first phase of the sewer repair work.

John Olson stated that City crews will do the tap work. The old taps will be sealed off since they have now been cleaned out. Years ago taps were put in for each lot and some are as close together as every 15 feet.

Mr. Norco stated that City street crews will do the pavement repairs. CIPP has an estimated 200 day completion timeframe. This allows ample time to get the first contractor in to do the open cuts. We don't want to push CIPP contractors because that will drive up the cost. The first contractor will remain on contract to be brought in as needed for repairs if the CIPP contractor feels a section needs cut. This will allow the CIPP contractor to begin work between other jobs rather than defining a specific completion date. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole authorizing Jay to proceed with the bid packets. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Gwin read a thank you card from Bill Driver, Chairperson for the Garnett Area Ministerial Alliance, thanking the City of Garnett employees for the donation of \$500. Mayor Gwin stated the money was raised by city employee fundraisers and donations have been made to various organizations each year.

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 the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival Committee meets once a month. Their main concern is the condition of the lake road. The Racing Association has \$32,000 they are willing to donate for road repairs provided the repairs are done correctly with a new base being installed. Don Wettstein, committee member, marked the road that the committee felt was in the worse shape. Farrel King, Street Superintendent is getting an estimate for the installation of guard rail on the north side of the dam. The Kansas City representatives on the committee are trying to obtain sponsors to help pay for the road repairs. This year, they plan to change their schedule and have the car show on Saturday afternoon until 3:00 p.m. then start the event at the lake at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Gwin stated his opinion that the road condition from the golf course entrance north was worse. He stated this section of the road is sinking and the road to the south of the entrance is not as deteriorated. City Manager Martin stated she agreed and so did Farrel King, Street Superintendent, but perhaps she misunderstood what the committee was thinking. Mayor Gwin stated that the road coming up the hill from the go-kart track going south is in the worst condition. He said a previous estimate was \$300,000 to repave the entire road. If they get donations of \$50,000, then the committee can pick the spot they want repaired. But if the committee picks the area south of the golf course entrance for the city to repair, we need to look to the north of the entrance. City Manager Martin said it is the governing body's call on what areas to repair.

Paul Phares, citizen, reported that he was flagging at the last go-kart event and cars went airborne in the area that we are talking about north of the golf course entrance.

Mayor Gwin stated that the city needs to address the road north of the golf club entrance. He said he is in favor of diverting money from city streets this year to the lake road. City Manager Martin said we budgeted \$150,000 for street repairs in 2016 and \$36,000 of that amount has been committed to help the county repair a portion of the Cedar Valley Reservoir road. There are some areas in town that need to be addressed. The utility funds are in good shape so we could use some of that money. Mayor Gwin stated that he wanted the city manager to get quotes for the list of road repairs that need done. He said he is ready to arm wrestle for repairing the lake road this year.

City Manager Martin stated that she had previously reported last fall that all the residential sidewalks from Maple Street to the Physician's Office Building had been installed. However, she reported at that same time that the new owners of Front Row Sports were allowed some extra

time to get their sidewalk done. This has now been completed so there is complete sidewalk access to the Physician's Office Building from Maple Street.

Mayor Gwin stated that there are several sidewalks with no curb cuts on Fourth and Fifth Avenue. City Manager Martin said there are still some residential sidewalks and curb cuts that need to be done. For the most part, the businesses and residents have done a good job completing their sidewalks even though it was of considerable expense to everyone involved.

Paul Phares, citizen, said everyone on the south side of the 100 block of East First has repaired their sidewalks except for one (1) house in the middle of the block. City Manager Martin stated that city staff will contact the property owner and give them a specified amount of time to repair their sidewalk. If they don't comply, the City will have it repaired and charge the owner accordingly. If they fail to pay, the amount will be certified for collection on their taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Tourism Committee recommendations were reviewed for the transient guest tax applications. The tourism committee recommended approving \$1,000 of the request for \$1,489.90 for the Knights of Columbus G Town Smokin Showdown because the committee felt that they were more focused on finding teams for the event than spectators. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the transient guest tax application for the Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$1,000 as the tourism committee recommended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the transient guest tax application for the Chamber Christmas Parade & Lighting Ceremony in the amount of \$546.20 as requested. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the transient guest tax application for the Chamber Garage Sales in the amount of \$565.00 as requested. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

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Helen Norman, Chamber of Commerce President, reported that the non-marketing application will help pay for the services of Rainbow Fireworks who will supply a shooter, supplies, containers and cleanup after the event. Last year a fireman was injured which prompted the decision to use a licensed shooter who has their own insurance. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the transient guest tax application

for the Chamber Liberty Fest Non-Marketing application in the amount of \$1,500.00 as requested. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the transient guest tax application for the Chamber Libertyfest in the amount of \$282.50 as requested. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve the transient guest tax application for the Chamber Taste & Talents in the amount of \$546.20 as requested. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none. City Attorney Solander stated that the governing body will need to do a resolution stating this event will have to be in conjunction with the Walker Art Committee.

City Martin reported that Prairie Belles has now decided to obtain their cereal malt beverage license again this year. Mayor Gwin questioned if the background checks were okay and City Clerk Kinney replied yes. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Prairie Belles. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to appoint Rochelle Kohlmeier to a three (3) year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to appoint Brandon Palmer to fill the unexpired term of Amy Wettstein on the Parks & Recreation Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none. The term will expire on March 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to appoint Charlie Caron to a three (3) year term on the Garnett Community Foundation Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to appoint Travis Wilson to fill the unexpired term of Mikki Miller on the Tourism Committee. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none. The term will expire on May 8, 2017.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ordinance # 4139 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Ordinance #4139 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes –none. Ordinance #4139 paid warrants in the amount of \$68,316.37.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting for executive session to meet with City Manager Martin and City Attorney Solander for 45 minutes, following a 10-minute break. Mayor

Gwin stated once they are finished meeting with the City Manager, they will meet with Emily Fulbright for 15 minutes and then any other employees who would like to meet to discuss personnel. At 7:50 p.m. the City Manager and City Attorney met with the Commission to discuss personnel.

At 8:35 p.m., Jenny Meyers met with the governing body to discuss personnel followed by Susan Wettstein at 8:45 p.m. to discuss personnel. At 8:45 p.m., Emily Fulbright met with the governing body to discuss personnel.

At 9:00 p.m., City Manager Martin was asked to reenter the executive session of the meeting.

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Gwin adjourned the executive session. No action was taken following the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

/s/ Greg A. Gwin
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk