

August 16, 2016
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on August 16, 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 16, 2016 for the purpose of considering the following items, to-wit:

1. 2017 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 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Gwin.

City Manager Martin explained the expanded general property tax requirements worksheet which includes the preliminary mill levy for all tax supported funds; a levy for a potential tax refund of \$140,000 to EKAE and a levy in the amount of \$56,000 if EKAE wins their appeal before the Board of Tax Appeals. It is estimated that the City's share of taxes paid by EKAE could be as much as \$196,000; however the ethanol plant has appealed the county's appraisal with an indication that they would be willing to pay the city \$56,000. The tax money will be receipted into the appropriate tax funds then transferred into an EKAE tax reserve fund in case money has to be refunded once this issue is resolved. The city manager stressed the importance of having the money available in a reserve fund.

Mayor Gwin said his desire has always been to keep the mill levy the same. City Manager Martin stated she has made some additional adjustments and the mill levy is somewhat lower than the worksheets show. She added that next year for the 2018 budget,

if we go over the Consumer Price Index (CPI) a specified percent, a paper ballot will be mailed to all citizens asking them if they would approve a mill levy increase. City Clerk Kinney added that the city will have to pay all the costs associated with this type of election.

Mayor Gwin requested the revenue/expenditure tables be changed to reflect actual cash carryovers.

The tax supported funds were reviewed with the following changes requested:

1. **Airport.** Commissioner Blackie asked if was possible to review the amount of the jet fuel used by some of the pilots. The other contractual services line item was reduced to \$400.
2. **Bond & Interest.** No changes were made.
3. **Library.** Program expansion line item was reduced \$200 and building & structures was reduced \$1,760. The number of library staff was discussed as being expensive because of benefits paid for several part time employees.
4. **Park.** Uniforms & safety equipment line item was reduced \$100. City Manager Martin noted that the wing mower payment is in this fund.
5. **Recreation.** Motor vehicle insurance was reduced \$100 and pool chemical feed system was reduced \$1,000.
6. **Law Enforcement.** Mayor Gwin requested an inventory of police department vehicles including year and mileage. Dues and subscriptions was reduced \$100 and repair of motor vehicles was reduced \$1,000.
7. **Employee Benefit.** No changes were made. The City Manager explained that she has concern with the potential cost of the city's medical insurance premium. This premium renewal will not be available until October.

Mayor Gwin stated he would like the department pages corrected, then sent to the Commissioners. City Manager Martin will also refigure and send the new tax worksheets to them.

Commissioner Cole stated she would like to see a document showing what economic development has accomplished for us in the last couple of years. A few items were mentioned as well as the inability of Mr. Arnold to provide details on current projects due to the sensitivity of the discussions with prospective businesses.

City Manager Martin provided the governing body with items the skate park group had chosen. She said no funds are included in the capital outlay fund for this project. She said the kids are hoping the commission is willing to earmark funds to make some purchases.

They also plan to try to get donations. Commissioner Cole said she likes for the kids to work on projects like these and help raise funds.

The next budget workshop will be on August 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Gwin adjourned the regular meeting for executive session to discuss personnel from 8:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. At 8:10 p.m. the executive session was extended until 8:30 p.m. At that time, the executive session was adjourned with no action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

/s/ Greg A. Gwin
Mayor

Attest:

Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk