

February 13, 2018
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Jody M. Cole, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk; and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Also attending: Will Mechnig, ACHS Youth in Government Representative.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Josh Ford, Trinity Baptist Church, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Cole noted the minutes on page two (2) need to reflect that no action was taken following the executive session. A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018 as amended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kenneth Hicks, citizen, discussed sewer line issues between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. John Olson, Wastewater Director, will run the camera through the line to verify if the problem is with the tap. The governing body directed that if damages were caused on the city side or the tap, we would look at a claim for damages as we have done in the past.

GOVERNING BODY

Will Mechnig reported some detailed concerns from residents regarding the cats to his social studies teacher but he hasn't heard anything back. The students have shared different things they are interested in such as improving the fair grounds and things like that but no specifics have been discussed yet.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss reported that she, City Clerk Kinney, and Scott Rogers will go to the National Archives in Kansas City, MO tomorrow to retrieve engineering plans for the dam and spillway at the North Lake and original blue prints of the historical architecture.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss reported she had attended Local Government Day and spoke to Representative Kevin Jones for quite some time about things that affect our community and the property tax lid.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss thanked Susan Wettstein, Community Development Director, for hosting the retirement reception for Dennis Arnold. She thanked Ken Amaya, Water and Gas Director, and Tom Lasser for giving her a tour of the water plant. She thanked Desiree Donovan for her work on the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet. The speaker was fantastic.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss reported she was invited to speak at the Lion's Club meeting and they had good conversations. The Lion's Club also sent a representative to her home to check her children's eyes. A project that the Lion's Club does is to check children's eyes in our schools as well. Helen Keller challenged the Lion's Club to become Knights of the Blind in 1925. The organization has improved eye care and eye health for millions of people around the world. They will be in the local schools in the upcoming months. They do great things in our community and participate in a lot of events.

Mayor Cole stated three (3) weeks ago she requested a 5-year strategic plan for city departments. As we prepare our 2019 budget and long range goals for the City, it's important to make sure all stakeholders have a clear vision and a clear road map about what our City needs to keep us safe, have clean drinking water, ensure City employees have the equipment they need to perform their jobs, to continue to improve the appearance of our community, and continue to focus on making improvements on our infrastructure. The City employees went above and beyond expectations. They have already completed and turned in their 5-year strategic plans. She said the City Commissioner's packet she received on Thursday evening was just shy of 500 pages. She said she believes now she has a really good understanding of what the departments need and what we need to address in the upcoming budget. She thanked the City employees for their dedication and diligence on getting this valuable information completed for all our stakeholders.

Mayor Cole congratulated Will Mechnig and his Anderson County Scholar Bowl team for taking first at regionals. They also competed at the State competition. She wanted the students to know we all are very proud of them.

REGULAR BUSINESS

City Manager Weiner reported the sheriff's office will reimburse the City for half the claim for damages submitted by Joe Johnson. Their system pinged the wrong house, which caused the damage on the claim. A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the claim for damages of Joe Johnson in the amount of \$200.18. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

The claim for damages of Steve Weiss was tabled to request additional information.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the agreement between the City and the Kansas City Karting Association. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the transient guest tax request of the Chamber Players Community Theater in the amount of \$2,944.00. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the transient guest tax request of the Anderson County Corn Festival in the amount of \$3,500.00. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to appoint Bob Mills to serve as the City's Director #2 on the KMEA's Board of Directors. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to appoint Troy Hart to serve as the City's Alternate Director on the KMEA's Board of Directors. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Discussion was held on the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP). We will advertise the program. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss reported that the rebate is 25% for commercial and 11.5% for residential. Commissioner Gwin stated the rebate period is for 8-years on the downtown square and 5-years in other places. The City would like the County to agree to expand this city-wide.

Discussion was held on the proposal from Anderson County for a Land Use Agreement for storing impounded vehicles at the new water tower. The governing body would prefer a different location be found that is not in a green space and an eyesore in a neighborhood. Zoning needs to be looked at for this purpose.

Discussion was held on the Trap, Neuter, and Adopt (TNA) Program for felines. No decision was made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the semi-monthly claims in the amount of \$224,214.85. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Clerk Kinney provided an update on the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) approved reimbursement amount that was indicated on her report for the southbound turn lane at Highway 59 project. The approved reimbursement from KDOT was \$383,788.91. In tonight's warrants is an additional invoice for MKEC Engineering in the amount of \$14,250.00. Once we receive the canceled check, that request for reimbursement will be sent to KDOT, bringing the total reimbursement to \$398,038.91.

Mayor Cole thanked the department heads for their monthly reports.

The general report of City Manager Christopher T. Weiner was received and discussed, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

City Manager Weiner reported John Devine presented a proposal as a facilitator on the strategic planning for \$6,000.00. The governing body decided not to hire Mr. Devine at this time.

City Manager Weiner reported the storm siren activation procedures have been changed to no longer sound the siren daily at noon. The sirens will be tested every Monday at noon.

Emergency Management will host a presentation on the Excel Industries shooting for first responders, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), City Commissioners and County Commissioners on February 20, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the community building. All attendees will need to RSVP to J.D. Mersman, Anderson County Emergency Management.

Water Treatment Plant community meetings will be held on February 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cole announced several employees wish to speak with the governing body in executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. She asked that City Attorney Solander remain in executive session and City Manager Weiner remain on call.

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Cole adjourned to executive session for one (1) hour to meeting individually with each employee.

At 10:02 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session an additional 45-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 10:47 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session an additional 45-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 11:32 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend the executive session 20-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 11:52 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend the executive session 30-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 12:22 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend the executive session 15-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 12:37 a.m., a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend the executive session 10-minutes with City Manager Weiner. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 12:47 a.m., the executive session adjourned.

At 12:56 a.m., Mayor Cole called the meeting back to order and stated no action was taken in executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 a.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

s/Jody M. Cole

Mayor

Attest:

s/Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk