

March 26, 2019
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on March 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present Greg A. Gwin, Mayor; Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss and Jody Cole, City Commissioners; Student Representative Will Mechnig; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Terry J. Solander, City Attorney; and Travis Wilson, City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by Reverend Sam Stoltzfus giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Governing Body reviewed the March 12, 2019 City Commission Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the March 12, 2019 City Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

GOVERNING BODY

Student Representative Will Mechnig apologized for his recent absences as he had several other things going on including the play. He also commented the Government classes are working on their yearly committee proposals, as well as spring sports have all started.

Commissioner Cole expressed her excitement for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Automotive building and thanked Shari Friesen for donating Gene's books. She also commented on the First Impressions team visit to Columbus, Kansas and noted the best thing about both communities were the people. Commissioner Cole also mentioned Girard's downtown square looking picture perfect after taking advantage of a Streetscape Grant. She mentioned our downtown square is smaller and that improving the area through a similar grant fits into the ACDA Strategic Plan and that this as well as bringing in several smaller events to town would most likely fit into the City's Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Cole thanked everyone involved for making the Community of Heroes event such a great event. She also asked if the green beacon at the airport was replaced. City Manager Weiner explained the situation and challenges of light bulbs burning up. Commissioner Cole also commented on replacing some banners that were worn out. City Manager Weiner commented we currently don't have budget room allocated toward replacing any banners however if there were resources at the end of the year, we would likely make that purchases.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss indicated that the recent pay scale committee meeting she attended with City staff was valuable and that she is optimistic regarding the Committee's work and eventual pay scale. She mentioned that it will assist the Commissioners in properly budgeting

employee salaries and will also help employees better understand how to advance their careers in a merit-based structure. She also congratulated Mr. John Olson on his retirement.

Mayor Gwin asked for an update on the water plant and when it was expected to go to bid. City Manager Weiner commented he was hoping it would go to bid by late summer or early fall, however we are at a standstill until the cultural resources survey is completed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Presentation of Street Project Proposal from BG Consultants Engineer Jason Hoskinson: Jason Hoskinson presented a proposal and funding opportunity offered by KDOT to focus on improving routes and highways that run through communities. He mentioned that KDOT would like to overlay highway 59 and while doing so, the city could take advantage of replacing storm water drainage. Jason mentioned KDOT will fund up to one (1) million dollars depending upon what scope the project would fall under. Option one (1) fell into the pavement restoration category, which would include full depth asphalt and base replacement from fourth avenue to first avenue at an approximate cost of \$1.4 million, with the City's cost being four hundred (400) thousand dollars. Option two (2) would likely fall into the surface preservation category, thereby reducing KDOT maximum grant allocation to \$300,000, raising the City's cost to seven hundred (700) thousand dollars out of a one-million-dollar project. Option three (3) A is presented as another pavement restoration project, from fourth avenue to first avenue and would bring the curbs in a couple of feet – thereby narrowing the road slightly. The City's anticipated cost would be one hundred (100) thousand dollars out of the approximate project total of \$1.1 million. Option three (3) B would extend the work to Redbud Avenue with the additional cost borne by the City (expected total City share - \$250,000). Option four (4) was provided as a standalone contracted project with no grant help from KDOT, expecting to cost six hundred (600) thousand dollars. Options one through three all included storm water drainage improvements, asphalt work, ADA sidewalks and ramps, and curb and gutter improvements. Jason Hoskinson commented the application to pursue a project is due by Friday, March 29th. A desire to avoid narrowing the street was the main point of contention between options one and three (A/B). After discussion, Mayor Gwin made a motion to move forward with option one. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Presentation of Police Department Remodel Proposal from WDM Architects Kirk Jurgensen and Michael Frimel: Tabled to the April 23rd City Commission Meeting.
- Consideration of Request from Jenny Myers for Street Closure for Square Fair: Jenny Myers spoke about the County Courthouse undergoing a remodel and that most of the yard is torn up causing forty-five (45) booth spaces to be lost. Due to the circumstances, the request was made to have fourth (4th) avenue closed between Oak street and Main street. Mrs. Myers mentioned that she spoke with a majority of the businesses on fourth (4th) avenue and they were in favor of the street closure with one (1) objecting to the closure. After discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to approve the road closure on fourth (4th) avenue from Oak street to Main street on the day of the Square Fair. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- Discussion Regarding City Code Provision Mandating Loyalty Oaths: After discussion, Mayor Gwin made a motion to have City staff draft an ordinance removing the Loyalty Oath from the City Code. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

RECESS

Mayor Gwin requested a short recess at 7:31 p.m. with the meeting to reconvene at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Gwin called the meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Consideration of Resolution 2019-3: Certified Work Ready Community Supporting Resolution: After discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-3. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0
- Consideration of KP&F: Chief King commented that another officer has handed in a letter of resignation and requested that the Commission consider two (2) options, a KP&F option and a monetary increase option. After discussion, Commissioner Cole made a motion to move forward with KP&F. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the Motion. Motion passed 2-1, Mayor Gwin voted Nay.
- Consideration of Police Department Pay Scale: After discussion, Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the proposed pay scale. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1, Mayor Gwin voted Nay.
- Consideration of a New Vehicle for the Police Department: After discussion, no vote was needed as this was affordable within the approved 2019 budget.
- Consideration of Agreement with Utility Service Partners: After discussion, the Governing Body was not in favor of this.
- Presentation of Initial Broad Goals for Community Strategic Comprehensive Plan: City Manager Weiner mentioned he would like some feedback from the Governing Body but as we move forward, the community should be involved in the development of the Plan. Mayor Gwin commented about creating an advisory board to give ideas and input into the plan. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss commented that it was a good start.
- Consideration of Establishing Workshops to Discuss Overall City Code: Mayor Gwin recommended setting up a date and time to go over chapters. City Manager Weiner mentioned that chapters one (1) through three (3) were completed in March of 2018 and that we would be ready for chapter four (4) when the meetings resume. Manager Weiner commented that it would be good to include Director of Inspection Gary Giczewski while going through chapter four (4).

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- Consideration of Semi-Monthly Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$153,387.21. After discussion, Mayor Gwin made a motion to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$153,387.21. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's report was received and discussed.

City Manager Weiner mentioned there are a couple of individuals requesting to become volunteer firefighters however they under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age which is required by the current City Code. Manager Weiner requested guidance on whether the Governing Body would like to keep the ordinance in place or lower the age restriction as it is challenging to find volunteer firefighters. Mayor Gwin made a motion to amend the ordinance changing the age requirement from twenty-one (21) to eighteen (18). Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

The 2019 Anderson County Health Ranking was received and discussed.

City Manager Weiner mentioned there will be a Grant Workshop on March 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

City Manager Weiner mentioned The First Impressions Public Meeting will be April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Center.

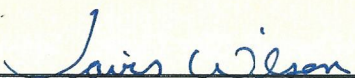
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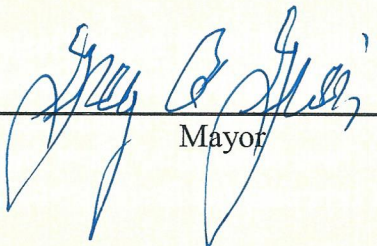
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Wilson
City Clerk



Mayor