

March 21, 2019  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on March 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present: Greg A. Gwin, Mayor; Jody Cole and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Travis Wilson, City Clerk; Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development; and Phil Bures, Director of Cemetery, Parks, and Recreation.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gwin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Consideration of Parks and Recreation Funding Request. Director Phil Bures presented a proposal to the City Commissioners regarding the open Recreation Coordinator position. He mentioned that while interviewing for the Recreation Coordinator position, there were two (2) candidates that stood above the rest and both would bring a different skill set with them. The first candidate is sports based, majoring in Sports Management with an emphasis in Business Management. The second candidate is majoring in Health and Human Performance with an emphasis on leadership. Director Bures feels both candidates are qualified for the Recreation Coordinator position however the second candidate's talents would be better used by having her develop a Health and Wellness Program at the Recreation Center which we are lacking. He commented his request is to hire both candidates and put them in the positions where they can show and use their talents and education to benefit the city. Adding a Health and Wellness Coordinator to the Recreation Center would open many opportunities and doors for the community. He also commented that by hiring both candidates as well as moving all Parks and Recreation offices to the Recreation Center, we would be able to open the Recreation Center longer and expand the hours of operation. With the expansion of our Recreation programs and being short staffed, Director Bures would like to hire both candidates to help the department and programs grow.
- Mayor Gwin appreciated Director Bures' passion for recreation activities and questioned what the position advertised would do. Director Bures commented the position advertised was the Recreation Coordinator, and that position would take over the recreation sports programs such as soccer, baseball, volleyball, and the day to day operations of those sports as well as marking fields and attending organizational meetings.
- Mayor Gwin mentioned the vacancy at the recreation center and questioned what the role would be of the current part time rec center employee if both candidates would be hired. Director Bures commented that current part time staff members would have their hours significantly reduced but still had use for the part time employee if both candidates were hired.
- Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss commented she would like to know more about what is envisioned with the Health and Wellness Coordinator and what that position entails.

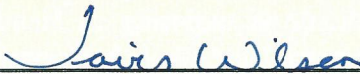


Director Bures commented the Health and Wellness Coordinator would help people use the equipment, personal training, and find instructors to teach the classes offered. Currently, part-time employee Charlie Caron is coordinating the classes, and some have slipped through the cracks.

- Commissioner Cole commented she would like to see the job description of the Health and Wellness Coordinator and suggested the possibility of making this a part time position starting out.
- After further discussion, the Commissioners requested the job descriptions for both candidates.

With no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Pro-Tempore Brecheisen-Huss adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor