

Garnett, Kansas  
January 24, 2017

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on January 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Jody M. Cole, City Commissioners; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Absent: Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Others present: Jeremy Dupont, ACHS Youth in Government representative.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Pastor Glenda Johnson of the Assembly of God Church giving the invocation.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of January 10, 2017 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mike Norman offered his thanks to City Manager Joyce Martin for her dedication and hard work during her tenure with the City.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**

Commissioner Gwin asked if any applications had been filed for the Code Enforcement position. The City Manager responded in the affirmative. The deadline has passed to receive applications and the manager plans to begin interviewing next week.

Commissioner Gwin mentioned that the city's Facebook page has a posting that says the recreation center is permanently closed. He asked for this to be corrected.

Student Representative Jeremy Dupont has met with Pizza Hut management and received information from them for a money making project. The skate boarders will pass out coupons asking people to use them whenever they go to the Pizza Hut. The fund raiser includes 20% of each order placed which goes to the group when the coupon is presented.

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.

In addition to the written report, the City Manager explained that Commissioner Cole had suggested a very good idea that the General Report include a concise list of current city projects whether or not any progress has been made since the last meeting. The following is a list of projects reported on:

1. Electric line along Walnut – waiting for the telephone company to move their services; have talked to company representative requesting update.
2. Sewer line – no major repair work will be done in 2017; will collect revenue for extensive projects in 2018. The state is requiring all cities to provide information on nutrients contained in the wastewater. Jay Norco is developing a plan for the city and will attend a commission meeting to explain this process.
3. Water plant – progress report has been requested from PEC.
4. Spillway @ North Lake – waiting on information from the engineer.
5. Outflow meter @ Cedar Valley Reservoir – has been approved by the state. Katie Tiesort, who is with the Kansas Division of Water Resources, will meet with the city manager and other staff members on February 7, 2017 to discuss additional metering at the power plant.
6. Streets – waiting for a decision from the County Commissioners; Killough to come and give a quote on a leveling course for each street.
7. Personnel Policies – City Attorney and City Manager will meet to discuss exempt employees and compensatory time off.
8. Computer – still struggling with programs and utility billing conversion.
9. Skatepark – list of equipment has been submitted to American Ramp; waiting on drawing.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Norman, representing the Garnett Knights of Columbus, was present to discuss the transient guest tax application for their G-Town Smokin' Showdown. Commissioner Cole asked how many teams had participated in 2016. Mr. Norman responded 27 which is four (4) more teams than 2015. This included one (1) team from Garnett which means the majority of the teams are from out-of-town. He presented his advertisement information and said their only form of advertising is through "The Bullsheet" which is very expensive. He said it takes 34

teams to break even on the event and the sponsors have to work very hard to get them here. They normally have 30 judges waiting for teams to sign up. This year's event is scheduled early in the year rather than the fall. Susan Wettstein said that last year the group had applied for \$1,489 and the governing body approved \$1,000 of their request. This year's request is for \$1,050. Commissioner Gwin asked if they had information on Facebook and Mr. Norman replied in the affirmative as long as Desiree Donovan or Susan helps him with this process. Mr. Norman said he didn't think the group had ever received everything they had asked for. Commissioner Cole explained the need to be careful with the use of the funds because the reserves are dwindling since more and more groups are asking for the funds. The City Manager said the Tourism Advisory Board has cautioned all groups to get their applications in early. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to approve the request of the Knights of Columbus for transient guest tax funds in the amount of \$1,050 for the G-Town Smokin' Showdown. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Additional discussion was held on street repair work for 2017. Commissioner Gwin asked the city manager to check signage along Main Street from Seventh Avenue to Highway 169 as he believes there are several signs missing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission considered the annual operation and maintenance assurance statement as requested by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism. The City Manager explained that grant monies have been received from KDWPT to complete such projects as the grass greens at the golf course; electric line to the North Park and bathrooms at the community building. The statement assures the state that the city will continue to maintain any projects funded by these grants. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the annual operation and maintenance assurance statement. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to approve the reappointment of Pat Schettler and Roger Brummel to another two (2) year term on the Airport Advisory Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve a request from the Garnett BPW to close Oak Street between Fourth Avenue and the alley south of the extension building from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Square Fair Day which is May 13, 2017. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to reappoint Janon Gordon to another three (3) year term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

### **ORDINANCES**

Ordinance No. 4171 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING ALL ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARNETT TO BE NON-PARTISAN. City Attorney Terry Solander reminded the commission that they had adopted an ordinance to change city elections to the fall. At that time there was some discussion about partisan-type elections however, it was his recollection that the commission was not interested in doing this. The League of Kansas Municipalities has suggested that cities clarify their election process, therefore Mr. Solander prepared Ordinance 4171 for consideration. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Ordinance #4171 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 1/24/17-1 was read as follows: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING GOPPERT STATE SERVICE BANK, PATRIOTS BANK (OF GARNETT, KANSAS) AND FARMERS STATE BANK OF BLUE MOUND (GARNETT BRANCH) AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS; AND DESIGNATING OFFICIALS TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS AT SUCH OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY BANKS. The City Manager explained that in reviewing the Resolution adopted at the January 10, 2017 meeting she noticed that it said two (2) signatures rather than three (3) as the commission had directed in 2016. Therefore, she felt it necessary to bring the matter back to the commission for further discussion. Both Mayor Blackie and Commissioner Gwin recalled the discussions in 2016 and agreed to stay with three (3) signatures. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Resolution 1/24/17-1 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

### **CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Ordinance #4172 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. Mayor Blackie questioned the monthly payment of \$300 to Jerry Miller for maintenance of the AWOS at the airport. Mr. Blackie said that he felt the city wasn't getting anything for their money as the system doesn't work as intended. He suggested that the Airport Advisory Board discuss the possibility of installing a different system. A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the warrants in the amount of \$116,043.59. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Gwin requested an executive session beginning at 7:05 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel. The City Manager was asked to attend the executive session. At 7:20 p.m., the executive session was extended until 7:30 p.m. At that time, Mayor Blackie adjourned the executive session and called the regular meeting back to order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin that the City Manager instruct Economic Development Dennis Arnold that a monthly report of his committee's activities will be made available to the City Manager who, in turn, will report the information to the City Commission; that regular, monthly meetings must be established at a date and time for the majority of the members to attend. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

/s/ Greg A. Gwin  
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Kristina L. Kinney  
City Clerk