

GENERAL REPORT

March 14, 2017

1. Included with your agenda packet is information regarding the request for a special use permit to build a fence taller than six (6) feet. The application calls for a 10 foot fence, said application being submitted by Mike Blaufuss, dba MABB Enterprises, LLC. A site map and the minutes of the Planning Commission hearing are enclosed. Andy and Gary (the new building/zoning officer) will attend the meeting to answer any questions you might have.

2. The TGT application for the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce includes four events: Spring and Fall Sidewalk Sales - \$242.50 each for a total of \$485; Taste's & Talents - \$596.45; Christmas Parade - \$294.95 for a grand total of \$1,376.40. The Tourism Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve these applications.

The second TGT application was submitted by Anderson County Corn Festival, Inc. in the amount of \$3,700 which is the same amount requested and paid in 2016. The Tourism Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve this application.

Please read the Tourism Committee minutes because they outline the funds received in the past, the number of attendees in 2016 and projected attendance this year.

3. As we have discussed, some of our advisory committees have vacancies. There are also several terms expiring on some of the boards so I have been busy contacting those people to determine if they want to continue to serve. Therefore, I have listed the reappointments and appointments separately on the agenda.

Under appointments to advisory boards: Laurel Ladewig has agreed to serve on tourism and Dave Brummel would like to serve on Parks & Recreation. Phil and I agree that this board needs to have some members who use the lake facilities and Dave certainly meets that definition. Jennifer Sibley and Carrie Rulon would replace Nancy Horn and Cleon Rickel on the library board as their by-laws say board members can only serve two (2) consecutive terms. Nancy and Cleon have been outstanding members of the library board.

4. The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival agreement is drawn in standard form.

5. Anderson County Commissioners have approved free dumping at the landfill for the April and September dates as listed. The Commission needs to approve these dates. Open burning is not included anymore because this is a daily decision made by the fire chief.

6. Angie Smith, owner of Tradewinds, is planning a special event on July 22nd. Therefore, Terry has prepared the standard resolution which authorizes extension of the premises into the street. This is the same request she makes for Cornstock.
7. The Taste and Talents event is sponsored by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and the Walker Art Committee. This also requires a special resolution to be approved which Terry has prepared.
8. I have enclosed a letter from Dennis Highberger asking the city to pay for the cost to have his mother's sewer line rodded. In talking with John Olson, city crews thought Mrs. Highberger's line was clogged. However, after the plumber came out, the problem was found to be in the city's main. Mr. Highberger is correct in his assessment that the city should reimburse his mother in the amount of \$592.50, therefore I recommend your approval of this claim.
9. We were certainly lucky this past week when there were storms all around us. While power was off for approximately 1½ hours, towns to the north and south of us suffered some high wind damage.
10. Please mark your calendars as follows: Friday, March 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the employees will host a lunch at the fire station to help fellow employee Les Garber with medical bills. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

- A. Electric line along Walnut Street – still waiting for their schedule. I contacted the engineer again requesting an update. Not having much luck.
- B. Water Plant – working with a different USDA representative on possible funding.
- C. Outflow Meter – device will be here within 4-6 weeks.
- D. Water rights – responding to a request for more information as to why we feel it is cost prohibitive for the city to install a meter to record the flow of water through the generating engines. All other questions have been answered.
- E. Street repair – no word from the County.
- F. Personnel policies – Terry and I continue to work on these as we have time.
- G. Skate park – Jeremy should have a report on their first fund raiser.

H. Sidewalks – One new sidewalk done so far this year; waiting on response from contractors as to who will be interested in bidding on the ADA ramp installation.

I. AWOS – Airport Board will meet on Monday, March 13th. Pat Schettler will have some information at this meeting.

J. Advisory Boards – some vacancies filled; still need another person for Parks & Recreation; one each for Airport, Foundation and Economic Development.

K. New playground – applying for funds through Pathways to a Healthy Kansas (Blue Cross/Blue Shield program).

L. Nutrient report submitted to the state. Jay Norco believes it will be 3-4 years before any improvements might need to be made. Estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$325,000. Something to keep in mind.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

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