

November 13, 2018  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on November 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present: Jody Cole, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin, City Commissioner; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Terry J. Solander, City Attorney; and Nancy Hermreck, Interim City Clerk. Absent: Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioner; and Will Mechnig, Student Representative.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by Bill Driver, United Methodist Church, giving the invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Governing Body reviewed the October 23, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Cole to approve the October 23, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mark Wade voiced his concerns about the city's cable provider, Vyve Broadband. City Attorney Solander asked Mr. Wade to give city staff a signed release so they may visit with a Vyve representative about his problems.

### **GOVERNING BODY**

Commissioner Gwin informed all that he enjoyed the Veterans Day Service at ACHS, as well as the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival.

Mayor Cole stated that she attended the high school musical, The Music Man and the students did a fantastic job, including Student Representative Mechnig. She also mentioned the Grand Prix Revival was a nice event and thanked the sponsors and volunteers. Mayor Cole was asked about getting signage promoting Garnett as Home of the Grand Prix and possibly obtaining a historical grant for the lake road. Fifty (50) entries have been received for the city flag design contest with entries coming from Garnett, Westphalia, Burlington, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Texas, United Kingdom and the Czech Republic. Lastly, Mayor Cole asked for the employee Christmas Bonus amount to be placed on the next agenda for discussion, as she felt it should be increased to possibly \$225.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Prepaid Natural Gas Supply Option. Manager Weiner explained to the commission that our gas provider, KMGA, is offering a thirty (30) year contract to its members which could save the city a significant amount of money. Contract would need to be approved to start in January 2019. Manager Weiner will share the contract with the commission as soon as he receives it.



- Wastewater Sludge Truck Purchase. The city has received two (2) bids to purchase a newer Wastewater Sludge Truck. After discussion it was agreed to purchase the truck from Reed Company LLC and 3.9 dump body from Knapheide Truck Equipment.
- Utility Rate Comparison. City Manager Weiner shared the information he has compiled comparing our utility rates to those of surrounding communities, Ottawa, Iola, Burlington and Paola.
- Consideration of Semi-monthly Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$188,249.22. Mayor Cole made a motion to approve the semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$188,249.22. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Departmental Reports were received and discussed.

City Manager's Report was received and discussed.

Employee of the Month, Jenny Schooler, was recognized.

October Financial Report was received.

City Commission Election Results were discussed. Decision to increase to a five (5) member commission was tabled.

Fire Department Soup & Chili Supper begins at 4:00 p.m. and Christmas Parade at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

No citizens to be heard.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Manager Weiner requested a ten (10) minute executive session. Mayor Cole made a motion for a five (5) minute break to be followed by a ten (10) minute executive session with the Governing Body, City Manager Weiner and City Attorney Solander to discuss non-elected personnel according to K.S.A. Statue 75-4319 (b) 1. Session time 7:45 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion.

At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

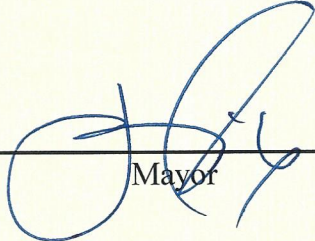
At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

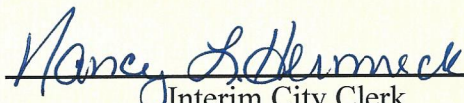


At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Cole called the meeting back to order. With no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Cole motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gwin. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
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Mayor

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Interim City Clerk