

Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Garnett, Kansas
April 10, 2018

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Jody M. Cole, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Also attending: Will Mechnig, ACHS Youth in Government Representative and Jenny Schooler, Acting Clerk.
Absent: Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Vernon Yoder, Church of the Brethren, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked for an addition to the minutes be made adding an explanation and number of Ordinance #4195. A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the minutes of March 27, 2018, as amended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes - none

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Laurel McCourt addressed the commission with concerns about the Auto Repair Shop owned & operated by Mr. James Gainer, located at 315 S Maple, across the street from her home. She feels the property is being used more as a salvage yard than an auto repair business. Mrs. McCourt presented pictures to support her concerns. Mr. Ken Amaya, as a citizen and neighbor to Mrs. McCourt, also expressed his concerns and frustrations about the situation. City Attorney Solander would like to investigate further the matter of the non-automotive items.
Commissioner Gwin asked for an update at a future meeting.

Mr. Eddie Gruver approached the Governing Body for consideration of a city flag. Mayor Cole asked that he visit with the other students, perhaps with Will Mechnig's help, to gather ideas and present them at a future meeting.

GOVERNING BODY

Will Mechnig did not have anything to report at this time.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked if the city was applying for the WIFIA Credit through the EPA to help with the construction of the water plant.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked if the burn ban status could be posted on web site and/or social media. She had a patron approach her about it, as he did not know where to go. She was encouraged to tell everyone to call dispatch.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss reported she and her family attended the Community Easter Egg Hunt and had a wonderful time.

Commissioner Gwin asked Mr. Amaya about the ground settling due to work on a waterline behind the Catholic Church. Mr. Amaya said he was aware of the issue and he would have his department look at it on Wednesday.

Commissioner Gwin asked that the Commission look over the list of street repairs so it can be presented to the county at their next meeting on Monday, April 16th.

Commissioner Gwin asked if in the future, another Public Forum be placed on the agenda before "Adjournment". He also would like it to be renamed "Citizens to be Heard".

Mayor Cole did not have anything to report at this time.

Commissioner Gwin asked for a 5 minute recess. Beginning at 7:33p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The ISO Building Codes were discussed. Mr. Gary Giczewski was present to answer questions and inform of the upcoming February 2019 deadline for the updated codes. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss shared her research and opinion on this matter. All agreed the codes need to be updated. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the re-appointment of Steve Markham to the Library Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve warrants in the amount of \$220,386.61. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

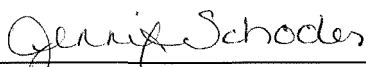
The departmental reports were received and discussed.

City Manager Weiner asked the Governing Body to send any additions and/or corrections to him prior to the meeting.

City Manager Weiner handed out a financial report he prepared for the commission with the updated budget balances.

Mayor Cole asked for the Employee of the Month recognition be tabled to the next meeting as the employee was out of state on a work matter. City Manager Weiner concurred.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Cole made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none



Acting City Clerk, Jenny Schooler