

January 8, 2018  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Jody M. Cole, Mayor Pro-tem; Greg A. Gwin, City Commissioner; Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager; Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk; and Terry Solander, City Attorney. Absent: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor. Whereupon the written request for said meeting as signed by Commissioners Blackie, Cole, and Gwin was read as follows:

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of the City of Garnett, Kansas respectfully request that a special meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Garnett, Kansas be held at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2018 for the purpose of considering the following items, to-wit:

1. Swearing in of Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss
2. Joint City/County Commission Meeting

Signed:

W. Gordon Blackie  
Jody M. Cole  
Greg A. Gwin

The Clerk was instructed to enter such request at length on the journal.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by County Commissioner Howarter.

Newly appointed Commissioner Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss was sworn into office by City Clerk Kinney.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to appoint Commissioner Cole as Mayor. On roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes – Gwin and Brecheisen-Huss; Noes – none; Abstained – Cole.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to appoint Commissioner Gwin as Mayor Pro-Tem. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Cole and Brecheisen-Huss; Noes – none; Abstained – Gwin.

Heather Morgan, Project 17, presented a presentation on economic development.

Mayor Cole would like to see a city/county strategic plan for projects that can be done jointly. She would also like to resume special meetings with the city, county, hospital board, and school board.

Commissioner Gwin and City Manager Weiner would like to see the city and county partnering with chip and seal of roads similar to 2017. The city has a bucket truck and can help with tree trimming for the county on the courthouse square. County Commissioner McGhee stated the county needs to have a list of identified streets and roads need to have a good base. County Commissioner Howarter asked for the list to identify our priorities.

Discussions were held on the retirement of Dennis Arnold, Economic Development Director. The position is currently shared by the city and county. Discussion was held on the Anderson County Development Agency (ACDA) board and their role in the selection of a replacement employee.

The current ACDA board has seven (7) members and it was agreed to increase membership to nine (9) members to get a City Commissioner on the ACDA board. Reuben Feuerborn, ACDA board member, will take the information to the ACDA board as they will have to vote to change their by-law. City Commissioner Gwin requested a copy of the Economic Development Director job description.

The commissioners agreed to continue in the partnership agreement between the City and County for the Economic Development Director position.

The next joint City/County meeting will be held on March 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

There being no further business County Commissioner Howarter adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – two; Noes – none.

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s/ Jody M. Cole

Mayor

Attest:

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s/ Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk