

Garnett, Kansas
January 10, 2017

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Greg A. Gwin, Jody M. Cole and W. Gordon Blackie, City Commissioners; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Absent: Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Others present: M. Colette McDonnell, Deputy City Clerk and Jeremy Dupont, ACHS Youth in Government representative.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Deputy City Clerk M. Colette McDonnell administered the oath of office to City Commissioner Greg A. Gwin.

REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to elect Commissioner W. Gordon Blackie as Mayor. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – Gwin and Cole; abstention – Blackie. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to elect Commissioner Cole as Mayor Pro-tem. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – Gwin and Blackie; Abstention – Cole.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Pastor Phil Rhoades of the Nazarene Church giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of December 27, 2016 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Blackie thanked Commissioners Gwin and Cole for entrusting him with the position of Mayor.

Commissioner Gwin questioned the article in the recent issue of *Town Talk* concerning the city's failure to take samples of water to test for lead and copper during the period of June 1 to September 30, 2016. The City Manager responded that the former water superintendent failed to complete this task before the deadline. The state was contacted to see if it could still be

done and their reply was no; that another testing period would need to be determined. The manager further explained that the state requires the city to issue public notice to their consumers and the quarterly newsletter is the best way to make sure that everyone is properly notified.

Jeremy Dupont reported that he had talked to all of the skate boarders and they chose the items they would like to see installed at the skate park. This information has been given to the city manager with a request that she contact the American Ramp representative asking him to include the existing and new equipment on a drawing so they can see how the skate park will look.

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.

The Manager advised the commissioners that the Division of Water Resources had settled on the type of device that can be installed at the Cedar Valley Reservoir to measure the amount of water that is released from this facility. She explained that this has been an ongoing discussion with the state. Shafer, Kline & Warren will oversee this project.

Commissioner Gwin asked if any additional information had been received on repairing the spillway area at the North Lake. The Manager replied that she needed to contact the engineer about this because she had been concentrating her efforts on the measuring device for the reservoir.

NEW BUSINESS

The Governing Body considered the transient guest tax application from the Garnett Knights of Columbus for The G-Town Smokin' Showdown. The City Manager reported that the Tourism Advisory Board had voted to recommend the approval of \$1,050 for this event. Commissioner Cole questioned the number of sanctioned teams that were required as she felt \$1,050 was quite an expense if the event isn't improving on their team numbers from one year to the next. Susan Wettstein explained that the bulk of the money goes to attract competitors and to create an atmosphere to entice people to come out to see what is going on. Neither she nor the city manager knew how many teams had participated over the last three (3) years. This matter was tabled until the January 24, 2017 meeting to allow Susan time to contact Mike Norman requesting the number of teams.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve an agreement between the City and the Holy Angels Knights of Columbus for their G Town Smokin' Showdown to be held at the North Park on April 28 and 29, 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 approve an agreement between the City and the Anderson County Corn Festival, Inc. for their annual festival to be held at the North Park on September 22-24, 2017. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Discussion was held on recruitment of a new city manager. Mayor Blackie said the League of Kansas Municipalities was preparing the proposed advertisement that will be sent out to recruit a new manager. The commission needs to set a salary range and the last day applications/resumes will be accepted. Commissioner Cole said she had made a list of the salaries of the top ten (10) people the manager would be supervising. Added to that is the requirement that the person should have a bachelor or master's degree which comes with a cost that needs to be considered. She said it wouldn't seem right to have the range lower than the people being supervised. Commissioner Gwin said that some people working for the city have forty (40) years of service and a possible candidate could be coming right out of college and he wouldn't want to set the bottom range too high. Commissioner Cole said that current city manager Martin's annual salary is \$86,600 and the only additional benefit she receives is a monthly cell phone reimbursement. She said that the manager pays her share of the medical insurance offered to all employees and receives the same amount of vacation and sick leave as the other employees. Commissioner Cole said she was okay with the high amount being \$85,000. Commissioner Gwin suggested the low should be \$65,000. Commissioner Cole suggested a range of \$70,000 to \$85,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to include a salary range of \$70,000 to \$85,000 in the city's advertisement for the position. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Discussion was held on the last date for the submission of resumes to the League. The Commissioners said this will depend on what City Manager Martin plans to do. The city manager repeated her commitment to stay as long as she is needed because she felt she owed it to her staff and the city to remain until her replacement was comfortable in the position. Commissioner Gwin offered his thanks for that decision. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to set the date of February 17, 2017. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

The next item of discussion was setting a budget to advertise this position. The League has suggested \$1,319 and selected several different venues for the advertisement to run in. The Commission felt the advertisement should be included in the local papers and on the city's website. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to allow a maximum amount of \$1,800 to advertise the position, said amount of \$1,319 to be a part of this amount. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1/10/17-1 was read as follows: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING GOPPERT STATE SERVICE BANK, PATRIOT'S 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 AND DEFINING AUTHORITY OF THOSE OFFICIALS TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS AT SUCH OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY BANKS. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Resolution 1/10/17-1 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Resolution 1/10/17-2 was read as follows: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ANDERSON COUNTY REVIEW AND THE ANDERSON COUNTY ADVOCATE AS OFFICIAL CITY PAPERS FOR THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS. A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Resolution 1/10/17-2 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ordinance #4169 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve warrants for calendar year 2016 in the amount of \$19,240.72. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Ordinance #4170 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve warrants for calendar year 2017 in the amount of \$189,703.87. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Commissioner Gwin asked for an executive session to discuss personnel beginning at 7:05 p.m. and lasting for 15 minutes until 7:20 p.m. The City Manager and City Attorney will attend the executive session. At 7:15 p.m., the executive session was extended for 10 minutes until 7:25 p.m. At 7:25 p.m., the executive session was adjourned and the regular meeting called back to order.

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The City Manager and City Attorney were instructed to revise and update the proposed personnel policies to include language about compensatory time and exempt employees. The Commission would like for these policies to be updated and approved prior to the new manager being hired.

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/ M. Colette McDonnell

Deputy City Clerk