

May 22, 2018
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on May 22, 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 Nancy Hermreck, 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 Doug Myers, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Governing Body reviewed the May 8, 2018 minutes of the City Commission Meeting and upon no discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Jody M. Cole to approve the May 8, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes - none.

PUBLIC FORUM

Brenda Lopez from the local Eckan Office was present to request the commission name May as Community Action Month. Mayor Jody M. Cole read and signed the proclamation.

Kenneth and Lisa Jarret stated that several people have approached them regarding reimbursement by the city for damages caused by their sewer backup. Mayor Cole thanked the Jarret's for coming and asked to postpone the discussion until Regular Business.

GOVERNING BODY

Student Representative Will Mechnig recognized those students going to State. The Boy's Baseball Team; Avery Wilson, Dallas Higginbotham & Abby Reid for Track; and Josh Martin and Carson Powelson for Golf.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss shared her family enjoyed the Garnett Square Fair, Air Fair, Second Saturday's and the Quilt Show all held on Saturday, May 12th. She also reported beginning June 4 and running through August 10, Eckan will serve lunch to children 1 – 18 years of age, Monday thru Friday from 12:00-12:30 p.m. at the Ray Meyer Gym. Finally, she added that after her family experienced an emergency, she now has a different perspective on the firefighters responding to emergency calls.

Commissioner Gwin reminded everyone of the Garnett Remembers Celebration on May 24th on the Courthouse Lawn, weather permitting.

Mayor Cole also commented her family had fun at the Square Fair, Air Fair and Quilt Show as well. She wanted to thank JD Mersman, Sheriff Valentine, Angie Sears and a local merchant at the Square Fair who helped a patron in need of medical assistance. She also thanked the electric department for hanging the patriotic banners and all those involved with this project.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Discussion regarding Kenneth & Lisa Jarret's complaint against the City regarding sewer water found in their home located at 703 West 3rd Avenue in Garnett, KS. City Manager Weiner stated that the amount being asked for now is substantially lower than previously submitted. He went on to say after speaking with City Attorney Solander, his biggest concern by paying this claim is the burden placed on the city in the future, by guaranteeing services. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss explained her reasoning as to why she was voting against the reimbursement. Mayor Cole made a motion to approve the damage claim from Kenneth and Lisa Jarret in the amount of \$1929.29 (\$1787 insurance deductible, \$125 to pay the plumber who discovered the problem to be the city's and \$17.29 to pay for picture processing). Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion, stating he would reframe from explaining his vote until after the voting was over. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – two; Noes – one. Motion passed. Commissioner Gwin went on to say how unfortunate these things are and he recalls a past claim that he voted against. In the past he felt the customer was negligent; but this instance was different.
- Discussion regarding Resolution 2018-3, Authorizing Garnett Hospitality Property Transfer. City Manager Weiner commented that the next five items on the agenda relate to the transfer from the City of Garnett to Garnett Hospitality which control Garnett Inn & Suites. He stated this resolution is a formality to transfer the property back to Garnett Hospitality as they have paid their bonds off early. Discussion was held to see if each agenda item needed to be approved separately. City Attorney Solander advised that one resolution will authorize the execution of the other five items. Mayor Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-3. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.
- Discussion regarding renewal of Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). City Manager Weiner reported the program needs to be updated. The county has expanded the parameters covered as well as extending the renewal period from two years to five years. The City and school district will keep the same parameters at this time. Anything annexed will be covered. The deadline to put the resolution into effect is June 10. If approved the Resolution would then go to the county clerk. County commissioners will meet May 28th and the school board on June 7th. Commissioner Gwin thought this was a super idea as did Mayor Cole. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked about the wording in the last paragraph on page one. City Attorney Solander said this should not be an issue. Mayor Cole made the motion to approve Resolution 2018-4. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes-three; Noes- none

- Discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, City Attorney Solander advised no approval was needed. Commissioner Gwin wanted to thank the county and school for expanding the parameters. He hopes with the expansion it will encourage new business.
- Discussion regarding the appointment of Denise Scheibmeir to the Walker Art Committee. This position is one the city appoints and is currently vacant. City Manager Weiner recommended Ms. Scheibmeir to fill the position on the board. Mayor Cole made the motion to approve the appointment of Denise Scheibmeir to the Walker Art Committee. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes none
- Discussion regarding Planning Commission Living Requirements for Board Members. Beth Mersman, a board member on the Planning Commission, has recently moved outside the current boundaries covered by living requirements for board members. We need to decide to amend the rules to allow her to continue serving on the board or adhere to the rules and advertise for a new member. After much discussion, City Attorney Solander was instructed to draft an ordinance changing the living requirements to be presented at the next meeting.
- Setting Meeting Workshops for Budget, Strategic Planning and Streets Discussion. The goal is to finish the general budget in June. Dates that were considered are Thursday, June 7th and 14th from 6 to 10 p.m.; as well as Saturday, June 9th, 23rd, and the 30th, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. City Manager Weiner will notify the commissioners by email after dates are finalized.
- Consideration of semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of 34,480.75. City Manager Weiner gave the commission an additional amount of \$101,023.81 explaining to the commission that payroll was not complete at the time the packets were completed. Mayor Cole made the motion to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$135,504.56. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes- three; Noes-none

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's Report was received and discussed.

Open House at Taylor Forge Property on Wednesday, May 23rd from 5 – 7 p.m.

Celebration of Service May 24th at 7:00 p.m. on the Courthouse Lawn. In case of rain the event will be moved to the Anderson County Junior/Senior High School.

Tentative date for the joint City/County meeting will be Monday June 18th at 6:00 p.m. at Mr. D's.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Weiner requested a thirty (30) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole to adjourn for a five (5) minute break before entering into executive session, with the City Commission, City Manager Weiner and City Attorney Solander to be present in the executive session that will begin at 7:30 p.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

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

At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Cole called the regular meeting back to order. With no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Cole made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

/s/

Mayor

Attest:

/s/

City Clerk