

August 11, 2020
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following individuals present, Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Jody Cole, City Commissioners; Terry J. Solander, City Attorney; and Travis Wilson, City Clerk. Chris Weiner, City Manager; joined via Zoom Meeting and telephone.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brecheisen-Huss called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

FINAL BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2021 BUDGET

Commissioner Gwin had no comments.

Commissioner Cole had no comments.

Mayor Brecheisen-Huss had no comments.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE FINAL BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2021 BUDGET

Mayor Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to adjourn the 2021 Budget Hearing. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Governing Body reviewed the July 28, 2020 City Commission Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Brecheisen-Huss to approve the July 28, 2020 City Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Eric Trammell was recognized as the Employee of the Month.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mark Powls stated he had a problem with the agenda from Friday, August 7 Special City Commission meeting and called the vote illegitimate because the agenda did not state the purpose of the meeting. He also stated if many of the population had known there was going to be a mob of people supporting the current City Manager and a pay raise, there would have been some complaints. Mr. Powls stated he appreciates what the Governing Body does, this is nothing personal against Chris Weiner, it is business. He also stated that he would like the Governing Body to reconsider the vote, backtrack, and nullify the vote.

GOVERNING BODY

Commissioner Gwin asked City Attorney Solander about title work done on Denise's Café. City Attorney Solander commented he did not want to mislead the purchaser and sought an open commitment with the title company to determine longevity of tax liens.

Commissioner Gwin asked about the status of the Water Plant. City Manager Weiner commented the biggest hurdle is the park conversion. He also commented the State of Kansas is assessing if we can reuse one of our clear wells. City Manager Weiner also mentioned we need to camera our backwash lines that go to the lagoons to make sure the lines will be sufficient with the water pressure of the New Water Plant.

Commissioner Gwin asked about the contract for the land acquisition. City Manager Weiner commented Mr. Mundell proposed the City purchases some additional land from him that would extend down the boundary of Sandra's Quick Stop. Commissioner Cole asked if this ground could be used to create additional campgrounds. City Manager Weiner said it would be possible but would have costs associated with the project such as leveling ground, running electric and water lines, and electric pedestals. Commissioner Gwin commented he was in favor of purchasing the additional land as it was being offered at a very reasonable price and would open a lot of doors. Mayor Brecheisen-Huss and Commissioner Cole both agreed.

Commissioner Cole commented she was in favor of the additional land acquisition.

Mayor Brecheisen-Huss thanked the Department Heads for their reports they provided. She was also pleased with seeing the report from the new Building and Zoning Inspector Garrett Gross as well as the Police Department breakdown of code enforcement.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Approval of the 2021 Budget. After discussion, Mayor Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget with the budget authority of \$14,925,000.00. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of UPOC updates. After discussion, Commissioner Gwin made a motion to approve the UPOC updates as written with the omission of Article 10, Section 10.29. Mayor Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Semi-Monthly Bills in the amount of \$191,019.39. After discussion, Mayor Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$191,019.39. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager Weiner Spoke on the CDBG-CV Application Thresholds.

The Departmental Reports were received and discussed.

The July 2020 Financials were received and discussed.

The City Manager's report was received and discussed.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before The Governing Body, Mayor Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Bridgette Brecheisen Huss
Mayor

Attest:

Jane W. Esler
City Clerk