

July 12, 2016
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on July 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Greg A. Gwin, Mayor; W. Gordon Blackie and Jody M. Cole, City Commissioners; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Also attending: Jeremy DuPont, ACHS Youth in Government Representative. Absent: Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Nicole Stovall, Youth Pastor of the Nazarene Church giving the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of June 28, 2016 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Gwin commented on how nice the fireworks display was. He commended the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this project.

Mayor Gwin said the backside of the stadium was looking very nice. The City Manager replied that power plant personnel are painting this building.

Mayor Gwin reported that he attended the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 5th to discuss county road crews helping the city to chip and seal city streets. Mayor Gwin presented a list of streets that could be done with a joint effort. After being questioned if the county helped any other communities in Anderson County, it was finally admitted that the county provides the labor and equipment with the cities paying for materials. Mayor Gwin said he was asking for the same consideration for Garnett. Commissioner Howarter said they couldn't do anything in 2016 but they would take the request under consideration for the 2017 budget. Mayor Gwin learned that after he left the meeting, additional discussions were held and it

appeared that the county commissioners would support helping with city road improvements.

Commissioner Cole said she had been in Dallas, Texas the week of the police officer shootings. She offered her thanks to the police officers who take good care of us and our families each and every day.

Student representative Jeremy Dupont reported that he had no update on skate park equipment.

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.

All commissioners will participate in the Anderson County Fair parade on August 2nd.

Project updates were provided on the new trash truck, sewer and street repair work and the water treatment plant.

An invitation to the City Commissioners, the City Manager and their families to attend the supper event for the GAPP participants on Sunday, July 17th was read.

NEW BUSINESS

The transient guest tax application for the Greeley Smoke-off event was reviewed. Mayor Gwin said this event had been going on for several years and he saw no justification for the additional funds as recommended by the Tourism Advisory Board. The application asked for \$1,000, however the board recommended \$1,380. Commissioner Blackie stated his opinion that the application was sloppy and had been submitted on the wrong form to begin with. He feels that people need to complete the applications in a professional manner with complete information and acceptable answers. Commissioner Cole agreed with these statements. The City Manager was asked her opinion and she agreed that the original amount of \$1,000 should be approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve \$1,000 for this event. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Charmaine and Raymond Messick were present to request the commission's consideration to approve a car show event on the downtown square on June 2, 2017. Mayor Gwin asked why the request was being made before the first of the year. Mrs. Messick explained that there are several car shows in the fall and she would like to take her information to these events to encourage people to come to Garnett in June. She asked permission to close Oak Street

between Fourth and Fifth and close the one-way from Oak down to the crosswalk on the south side of the courthouse. Commissioner Blackie said he supported this event because it goes hand in hand with the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Blackie to approve this request with the understanding that the group obtain written consent from each business in the affected area to close Oak Street and a portion of the one-way on June 2, 2017. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ordinance #4151 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve Ordinance #4151 as read. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none. Ordinance #4150 paid warrants in the amount of \$330,210.25.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Gwin adjourned the regular meeting to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel. At 7:05 p.m. the executive session was adjourned and the regular meeting called back to order.

Discussion was held on the 2017 budget and the effect the ethanol plant's decision to protest their assessed valuation will have on this budget. The City Manager explained that she had contacted the city's auditor with a suggestion that any amount paid under protest would be placed in a reserve fund to be available for payback if the ethanol plant won their case with the Board of Tax Appeals. She commended County Treasurer Dena McDaniels for helping determine what this amount will be.

Mayor Gwin requested that statistics be provided about motor pool activities.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

/s/ Greg A. Gwin

Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk