

February 9, 2016
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on February 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Greg A. Gwin, Mayor and W. Gordon Blackie, City Commissioner; Jody Cole, appointed commissioner; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager; Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Newly appointed Commissioner Jody Cole was sworn into office by City Clerk Kristina Kinney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Bill Driver, Minister of the First Methodist Church, giving the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016 as read. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

BIDS, PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS

City Manager Martin discussed the quote received for a 2016 Dodge Charger for the police department. The total amount budgeted for 2016 is \$26,500. The bid for the car is \$24,294. Accessories will be \$1,531 making a combined total of \$25,825. This will be the only all-wheel drive vehicle in the police department fleet. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the bid from Landmark Dodge for \$24,294. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Gwin read a thank you letter from Brian Love, Osawatomie Fire Chief, on behalf of the Osawatomie Fire Department and the family of Robert Barenklau, for the Garnett Fire Department's assistance at the funeral service for Osawatomie Fireman Barenklau.

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.

City Manager Martin reported that there has been some confusion in the community on the Marshall Wind Farm and another wind farm proposed for southeast Anderson County. She will include information in her next city newsletter article explaining where the Marshall Wind Farm will be located and how it will enhance the City of Garnett's electric portfolio. Commissioner Blackie agreed and said this is not a part of the wind farm project in Anderson County.

City Manager Martin reported that the north sewer lift station project is completely done. Jay Norco, who is the city's engineer for the sewer projects, will be at the February 23rd meeting to

present bid documents for the first phase of the planned sewer line repair along Highway 59 and some interceptor streets.

City Manager Martin reported that several advisory boards have vacancies. Parks and Recreation has three (3); Tourism has one (1) and the Garnett Community Foundation has three (3). She has some suggestions for the tourism committee and will contact those individuals.

Commissioner Blackie stated he would like these openings to be advertised in the newspapers. Commissioner Cole concurred.

City Manager Martin reported that Garnett received a Blue Chip Award after successful submission of a grant that included information on what the city plans to do to continue offering healthy activities at the recreation center. A representative from Blue Cross and Blue Shield will attend a commission meeting in March or April to present the City a check for \$2,500 which will be used to purchase additional exercise equipment for the recreation center.

City Manager Martin reported that approximately 125 PRIDE surveys have been returned. Desiree Donovan will review the recommendations and comments with the governing body so a decision can be made whether or not to restart the program in Garnett.

City Manager Martin reported that park crews are building a new boat dock at the reservoir. She added that Phil and Brian plan to use netting for the Legion field backstops rather than chain link fencing.

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Martin explained that all agreements listed on the agenda have been prepared in standard form and give organizations permission to use the north lake park for their events. Commissioner Blackie stated the requests have nothing about hours of operation like the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, and questioned whether that was because LGGPR organizers were actually closing the lake and the others were not. The City Manager replied yes. The first agreement to be considered was for Cornstock. Mayor Gwin said there is nothing spelled out about camping. City Manager Martin replied that there will be no camping at the existing campsite on the east side of the lake during this event; however spaces are made available by the east shelter house and the north camping area. There are electrical sites in the north wilderness camping area, but all other areas will accommodate self-contained campers only. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the agreement between the City and the Anderson County Corn Festival, Inc. to have the Corn Festival at the North Lake Park on September 23-25, 2016. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the agreement between the City and the Anderson County Fair Association to have a demolition derby at the North Lake Park on August 6, 2016. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none. No rain date was requested

A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the agreement between the City and the Anderson County Fair Association to have a tractor pull at the North

Lake Park on July 16, 2016. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none. No rain date was requested.

City Manager Martin reported that The G Town Smokin' Showdown had 20 to 25 barbeque teams in 2015. They will be on the fairgrounds by the show barn and the Quonset Hut. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the agreement between the City and The G Town Smokin' Showdown on the Anderson County fairgrounds at the North Lake Park on April 29-30, 2016. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Mayor Gwin to approve the transient guest tax application of Garnett BPW in the amount of \$309.50 for Square Fair. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

City Manager Martin reported that the Tourism Advisory Board recommended denying the transient guest tax application of Garnett BPW in the amount of \$608.90 for the Women's Fair. The application indicated that 400 people attended last year's, but the end of the event report showed a total of 90 attendees. Board members didn't see any new efforts to try to improve the attendance. Mayor Gwin stated the tourism board spent a great deal of time discussing this application as reflected in their minutes. Commissioner Blackie thanked the committee for their due diligence and Commissioner Cole concurred. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to accept the recommendation of the tourism committee to deny the transient guest tax application for the Garnett BPW Women's Fair. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the transient guest tax application of Garnett BPW in the amount of \$309.50 for the Holiday Boutique. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ordinance # 4138 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 #4138 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – two; Noes –none. Ordinance #4138 paid warrants in the amount of \$45,424.56.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Emily Fulbright was in attendance at the meeting and requested to meet with the governing body concerning personnel. City Manager Martin requested that she be excused from attending the executive session, however at the next meeting, she and other employees would like to meet in executive session to discuss personnel.

At 6:22 p.m., Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting to discuss personnel for 20 minutes after a 8 minute break.

At 6:50 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to extend executive session for 30 minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 7:22 p.m., Mayor Gwin called the meeting back to order. No action was taken during executive session. Mayor Gwin stated he would like the next meeting agenda to reflect an executive session to discuss personnel. City Attorney Solander questioned if this would be to allow other employees to meet with the governing body. City Manager Martin stated that employees have stated that they want to.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

/s/ Greg A. Gwin
Mayor

Attest:
/s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk