

Garnett, Kansas
February 28, 2017

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Jody M. Cole, City Commissioners; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Absent: Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Others present: Jeremy Dupont, ACHS Youth in Government representative.

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Josh Ford of the Trinity Baptist Church giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The City Manager noted in the February 14, 2017 minutes that she had misspelled Jenny Myers last name. In addition, the amount of transient guest tax for the BPW Women's Fair request should have been \$646.35. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017 as corrected.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Blackie read a Proclamation proclaiming March 2017 as March for Meals Month. The commission asked the city manager to request dates for them to deliver meals.

Student representative Jeremy Dupont said the skate board group would begin their fund raiser at the Pizza Hut on Friday, March 10th. This will be done every Friday in March. The group will receive 20% of every order placed.

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 no information has been received from the county about helping the city with their street repair work this summer. She also relayed some difficulties city crews are having at the Anderson County Landfill. It was agreed that a joint city/county commission meeting should be held to discuss these matters. The manager will contact the county commissioners requesting dates. It will be the city's turn to host the joint meeting.

The manager was asked to contact the Department of Health to find out what it would take for the city to have their own transfer station for the disposal of sanitary wastes.

The project update report was reviewed. Mayor Blackie questioned if any additional information was available on the Airport's AWOS. The manager replied that Pat Schettler has discussed the matter with some of his fellow air traffic controllers and plans to talk with KDOT officials as well.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Manager said she has received requests from local organizations to put banners on Fourth Avenue close to Highway 59. The Commission agreed they would rather not have banners in this area and asked the city manager to request pricing on some type of community display sign that everyone can use.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2/28/17-1 was read as follows: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION UTILITY REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2099 OF GARNETT, KANSAS. The City Manager said this was discussed at the prior meeting and she would recommend approval of the resolution. The City Attorney stated it would be advantageous to proceed with paying off the outstanding bonds. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to approve Resolution 2/28/17-1 as read. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY

Ordinance #4174 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to approve the warrants in the amount of \$10,894.06. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; noes – none.

Discussion was held on the application review process for the city manager position. The City Attorney said there was no problem with the review process being done in executive session as applications for a specific position are covered under the open rule statute. At such point when the commission is ready to discuss a contract offer with a specific candidate, this can also be done in executive session. However, the commission will need to be in open session to approve the offer. Commissioner Gwin said as long as we are in the looking phase and reviewing specific resumes with the League can we do this in executive session? The City Attorney said yes. Mr. Solander offered that such things as fringe benefits are a matter of public record.

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Mayor Blackie asked if there were any citizens to be heard. There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

/s/ W. Gordon Blackie

Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk