

October 10, 2017
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; Jody M. Cole and Greg A. Gwin, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk; and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Also attending: Will Mechnig, ACHS Youth in Government Representative.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blackie called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Doug Meyer, First Christian Church, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the minutes of September 26, 2017 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Blackie stated the new department head reports were enlightening and he encouraged using the pictures when there is something they want the commission to see to show them what they are doing and what the needs are. He is very happy we are doing these reports and he thanked City Manager Weiner.

Mayor Blackie stated the veteran flags were on the poles at his hometown in Pennsylvania and it was interesting that they are doing the same thing with the veterans on the poles. He is glad we are doing this here. We need to remember those who give selflessly.

Commissioner Cole congratulated Desiree Donovan and Bryan Dykes for Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Cole commended Commissioner Gwin on his Town Talk article. She said it was well written with the background on the high school student representative.

Commissioner Cole stated she appreciates the department head reports.

Commissioner Cole asked City Attorney Solander if he had time to review the contract for PEC Engineering for the water plant project. City Attorney Solander reported that the question was ‘what circumstances could the city term the agreement?’ The city could abandon the project; indefinitely postpone; and based on the engineer; and parties can always mutually agree to terminate agreements. The engineer is paid a reasonable sum for services performed and additional overhead costs.

Commissioner Gwin reminded everyone of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival this weekend and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Gwin said he appreciates the supervisor reports but wouldn't require them to come to meetings and leave it to their judgement if there is something that they need to discuss with the Governing Body. The reports are good. They are always welcome to come to the meetings if they want. City Manager Weiner stated if there are any questions on the reports he will have them come to the following meeting.

Will Mechnig reported that he has spoken to some students on projects to work on, but nothing to report on yet.

REGULAR BUSINESS

City Manager Weiner reported he would like the planning committee to review consideration of the ordinance after he visited with City Attorney Solander. He recommended tabling Ordinance # 4193.

City Manager Weiner reported on vacation of Catalpa Street right-of-way. He believes the survey has incorrect information and we need to research. He spoke to Mr. Pollock and he has no future buyer and is fine with allowing more time to research.

City Manager Weiner reported the in the past, the various committees would recommend someone to serve on their board and the Governing Body would appoint. He stated he would like to advertise for equal opportunity. He will visit with applicants and then give the pool of candidates to the governing body to decide. He will make recommendations. The current open position on the airport advisory board has no requirement for residing in Anderson County or Kansas. He will follow this procedure in the future and advertise and bring to the Governing Body for all boards. The Governing Body was in favor of this change.

City Manager Weiner questioned whether the Governing Body would like to proceed on the water treatment plant engineering or hold. Commissioner Gwin and Commissioner Cole stated they wanted to wait on the rate analysis.

The general report of City Manager Christopher T. Weiner was received and discussed, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

City Manager Weiner reported that based on the audit report there was one (1) fund on the budget and three (3) funds shown on the audit that money paid out and reduced the money in that fund. Therefore, he will have to transfer \$53,000 more out of utilities in order to keep the mill levy the same.

City Manager Weiner reported this past weekend was the start of a new process doing away with shifts. There was an incident and we are not sure if it was a break in at the power plant. We are looking into security at the facility.

City Manager Weiner reported the joint city/county meeting will be at city hall on October 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The city is hosting. We will have dinner at 6:00 p.m. and then our meeting.

City Manager Weiner reported October 16, 2017 is the ICS training and he invited city department heads. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the community building.

Commissioner Cole requested monthly updates on the ethanol plant tax appeal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Manager Weiner requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15-minutes.

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting for a 5-minute break and they will meet in executive session for 15-minutes.

At 7:34 p.m., Mayor Blackie called the meeting back to order and reported no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

s/ W. Gordon Blackie
Mayor

Attest:

s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk