

September 26, 2017  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on September 26, 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; and Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Also attending: Will Mechnig, ACHS Youth in Government Representative. Absent: Terry J. Solander, City Attorney.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of September 12, 2017 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Commissioner Gwin noted an error on the first page, third paragraph correcting the typo to read 0.506. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017 as amended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Mayor Blackie to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes- none.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**

Commissioner Cole stated it was great to see a lot of people in town for Cornstock, the Cornhole Tournament and Frisbee Golf. She said she appreciated everyone who works behind the scenes. Mayor Blackie and Commissioner Gwin agreed. Commissioner Gwin stated the After Cornstock Party at Trade Winds went well.

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 the planning committee is working on a revised comprehensive plan. State statute requires we review the plan annually so we will do that in the future.

City Manager Weiner reported that State regulations require that roofers be licensed so he plans to have the city institute a permit with a fee. He plans to bring all permit fees to the governing body to review.

City Manager Weiner stated he revised the budget based on feedback from the governing body to not increase the mill levy.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Brian Wentle, engineer with Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC), presented information on the water plant design and construction plan.

Mayor Blackie read a proclamation proclaiming October 15-21, 2017 National Business Women's Week.

Discussion was held on relaxing the zoning restrictions in entire downtown area. The planning commission did not recommend relaxing the restrictions. City Manager Weiner will draft an ordinance.

Discussion was held on vacating E. Second Street right-of-way. Item was tabled to allow the City Attorney Terry Solander time to review the survey questions with the county.

Discussion was held on camping agreements and camping fees. City Manager Weiner stated there is no authority for him to waive the camping fees without an ordinance. His preference is to not waive fees since we have costs associated with our facilities. He recommended a group fee for tent camping with no hookups at \$9.00. Commissioner Gwin stated some locations waive one (1) night fee if staying two (2) nights, or waive fees if the boy scouts do a service project to pick up trash or other projects in the park. He added if six (6) tents are set on one (1) campsite, they are only charged one (1) site fee. Mike Sibley, citizen, said the standard at a lot of sites across the country are charging \$0.50 per person for group camping, or another option is 1-10 kids \$5.00; 10-20 kids \$10.00 per night. Commissioner Gwin stated he would like the agreement to be approved as written since we've been doing this for years. Mayor Blackie agreed it made sense to stick with what we've been doing until we have a plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the camping agreement with Troop #91 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

City Manager Weiner presented a proposal from Killough Construction for additional street work. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the proposed project number two (2) for an estimated amount of \$57,000.00. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes –none.

At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to adjourn for a 5-minute break. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Blackie called the meeting back to order.

Discussions were held on the budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve publication of the maximums in the amount of \$988,355.00 and notification of the budget hearing to be held on October 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

**CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**APPROVAL FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS.** A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve warrants as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none. Warrants paid in the amount of \$492,879.51.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, a motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

s/ W. Gordon Blackie  
Mayor

Attest:

s/ Kristina L. Kinney  
City Clerk