

May 14, 2019  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present Greg A. Gwin, Mayor; Jody Cole and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Terry J. Solander, City Attorney; and Travis Wilson, City Clerk. Student Representative Will Mechnig was absent.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by Reverend Art Black giving the invocation.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Governing Body reviewed the April 10th, 2019 City Commission Special Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Gwin to approve the April 10, 2019 City Commission Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The Governing Body reviewed the April 23rd, 2019 City Commission Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the April 23, 2019 City Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

#### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

#### **GOVERNING BODY**

Commissioner Cole asked if there were any updates about Neosho Road. City Manager Weiner commented the edge of the road is deteriorating quickly and the road will be discussed at the next City/County meeting. Commissioner Cole thanked all involved with City Wide Clean up week.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss thanked the Parks and Recreation department for the success of the soccer season. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked why the Depot was locked at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon. City Manager Weiner commented normally it is unlocked and he would look into it.

Mayor Gwin commented the Square Fair was well attended and thought it was a good event.

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Tabled to the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The recipient was unable to attend.



**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- Consideration of TGT Application from Friends of the Library in the amount of \$300.00. After discussion Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss motioned to approve the TGT Application from Friends of the Library in the amount of \$300.00. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Discussion Regarding Special Election for Expanding the City Commission. Mayor Gwin stated the 30-day deadline for the special election is approaching. City Attorney Solander concurred and after discussion, Mr. Solander commented that the election could not be done with a mail in ballot per the Kansas Constitution and that the election must be held in the same fashion as an election for officers. Anderson County Clerk Julie Heck, who happened to be in attendance, commented that she doesn't supersede the City Attorney's decision and whatever decision is made by the City's legal counsel is what she follows. After further discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss asked City Manager Weiner to have the Special Election be added to the May 28<sup>th</sup> City Commission Meeting agenda.
- Discussion Regarding Permitting Regulations for Motorized, Non-Highway Vehicles in City Parks. After discussion, it was determined the vehicles in question fit within the definitions in the City Code and the current permits are sufficient.
- Consideration of Semi-Monthly Bills in the amount of \$358,986.64. After discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss motioned to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$358,986.64. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Commissioner Cole asked if a sump pump was located for the Gas Department. City Manager Weiner commented that one had been found however it is unsure if it will work. City Manager Weiner commented a sump pump went out at the Power Plant as well and Bob Mills has located one for them. Commissioner Cole asked if other communities have more than one place for shelter during severe weather. City Manager Weiner commented other communities do have multiple shelters and said the City is addressing the shortage here by applying for grants to get some shelters as well as talking to churches and other entities to be storm shelter locations.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss congratulated Gary Ecclefield for receiving his 10-year service award from the National Weather Service and welcomed Michael Graves to the Garnett Police Department. She also mentioned the Celebration of Service event will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The City Manager's Report was received and discussed. City Manager Weiner commented the departmental financials look good, but he is worried about the Gas Utility fund. City Manager Weiner commented on the provided Equipment Inventory and Reserve Plan as a good way to track our inventory and be able to trade older equipment while they still hold some value. He mentioned the City received a KDOT Airport Grant for crack sealing however we are waiting to see if we receive some funding from a special round of funding for the airport expansion project as outlined in the (currently being updated) Airport Master Plan before going through with the crack sealing.



City Manager Weiner commented he met with KDOT representatives to discuss the Maple Street Resurfacing and Drainage project. He said the competition is tough, but we have a strong case to be a recipient of the KDOT Grant.

City Manager Weiner commented on the KaBoom grant and mentioned the City would have to do some fund raising to be able to accomplish building a park by the Depot.

City Manager Weiner stated there is an Asset Management Workshop coming up and asked if the Commissioners would be interested in an APA Membership.

City Manager Weiner commented on the Cultural Resource Survey was sent off and hoped the Osage Nation would get back to the City with a seal of approval to move forward with the Water Plant project.

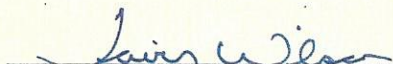
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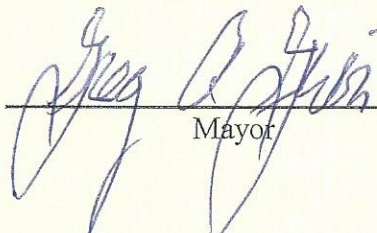
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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor