

February 27, 2018  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Jody M. Cole, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, 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 Cole 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**

Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss noted on the first paragraph under Governing Body Comments, “on the cats” is duplicated. A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 as amended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Lisa VanNorman, Debra Tucker-Brewer, and Elaine Neuenschwander discussed changes to the cat ordinance. It was recommended that they work with the local veterinary office on helping to adopt stray cats while they obtain the license and a location for a cattery. That will keep them within the current City Code.

### **GOVERNING BODY**

Will Mechnig reported that he spoke with the student committee interested in improvements at the fairgrounds. No definitive plans have been finalized to present to the Governing Body.

Will Mechnig reported he attended the public forum yesterday on the new water plant and said it was a good meeting.

Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss reported that the police department tour gave her a good understanding on what is needed for their department during upcoming budget conversations.

Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss said the public forum on the new water plant went well and she was glad several members of the public attended. She thanked Brian Wintle and Sara Unruh, Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC), Tom Lasser at Hawkins and City staff.

Mayor Cole congratulated Nancy Hermreck on employee of the month.

Mayor Cole recognized and thanked the transportation department employees that worked some significant extra hours as they tried to keep our streets safe throughout the icy weather. Specifically, Jason Wettstein, Roy Salazar, Shawn Bond, and Farrel King.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve a claim for lost wages from Steve Weiss in the amount of \$406.00. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the transient guest tax funding request from the Business & Professional Women (BPW) in the amount of \$3,202.70. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve warrants in the amount of \$184,147.12. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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.

The Governing Body authorized the city manager to proceed on the design phase for the new water plant.

City Manager Weiner reported the low bid of Midwest Drain and Sewer in the amount of \$21,464.00 was accepted for videoing of our wastewater lines.

Mayor Cole and Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss plan to attend the Governing Body Institute and Mayors Conference in Topeka on April 20-21, 2018.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

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s/Jody M. Cole

Mayor

Attest:

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s/Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk