

March 16, 2020
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on March 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present, Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Jody Cole, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; and Travis Wilson, City Clerk.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Discussion Surrounding COVID-19 Community Precautions and Response.

- City Manager Weiner shared some informational reading that President Trump shared as well as some informational reading that the Health Department shared. City Manager Weiner also mentioned the Governor of Kansas issued a ban of all gathering of fifty (50) or more people as well as commented he would draw up a Resolution to restrict utility turnoffs during this COVID-19 pandemic.
- City Manager Weiner mentioned his concerns about daycares not accepting more kids, schools closing for additional time, and businesses potentially closing and the impact it will have on the staff of those businesses as well as City Staff. Commissioner Cole asked if the Federal Government has said anything on that topic and how it would work. City Manager Weiner commented there is a Bill that has President Trump's support however it hasn't passed the Senate yet. Commissioner Gwin commented his preference would be for City Staff to use their accumulated sick days and then vacation days so they are not affected financially. Commissioner Cole asked if we could expect Staff to use sick days during this time. City Manager Weiner commented he hadn't had a chance to talk to City Attorney Solander yet however he has concerns that there may be some legal challenges to it. Commissioner Cole commented she didn't think sick days could be taken from employees when it would be mandatory for them to take time off. Commissioner Gwin commented they could be laid off. City Manager Weiner agreed that there could be a furlough however it wouldn't be received well. Mayor Brecheisen-Huss commented we must look at whether or not we want to support the employees and not cause undue hardship to them and their families.

B. Review and Discussion of Updated City Code Starting with Chapter 4 Article 11.

- After discussion, it was determined that Chapter 4 Article 11 was completed during the last City Code Special Meeting. Chapter 5, 6, and 7 of the Code of the City of Garnett Kansas was reviewed and discussed as follows:

SECTION 5-101

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-102

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-103

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-104

- It was discussed and recommended that more protective classes be added to subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e).

SECTION 5-105

- It was discussed and recommended that more protective classes be added in this section.

SECTION 5-106

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-107

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-108

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-109

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-110

- In subsection (c), there was discussion about the length of thirty (30) days to file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and whether the timeframe was one (1) year to file the complaint.

SECTION 5-111

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-112

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-113

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-114

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-115

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 5-116

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 6-101

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 6-102

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 6-103

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 6-201 THROUGH 6-205

- It was discussed if these sections were needed or changed. City Manager Weiner is going to look at the maps as well as speak with City Attorney Solander with regards to simplifying the wards into quadrants as the City doesn't currently follow the wards set out in the City Code.

SECTION 7-101

- In paragraph one, the words twenty-nine (29) and eight (8) need to be removed so the sentence reads "The Garnett volunteer fire department is hereby organized and shall consist of firefighters, a fire chief, and reserve firefighters."
- In paragraph two, the ages of twenty-one (21) and twenty (20) need to be changed to eighteen (18).

SECTION 7-102

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-103

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-104

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-201

- The International Fire Code Edition needs to be updated to 2018 to reflect the new books being utilized as well as the Ordinance number adopted needs changed to Ordinance 4197.

SECTION 7-202

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-203

- It was discussed and asked if the fees in this section need to be updated. City Manager Weiner state he would look into it.

SECTION 7-301

- It was discussed that the State of Kansas is looking at allowing the sale of fireworks year-round as well as if the City of Garnett should look at making those who sell purchase a permit to sale fireworks.

SECTION 7-302

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-303

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-304

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-305

- No changes were discussed.

SECTION 7-306

- No changes were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before The Governing Body, Mayor Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Brigitte Buchanan Huss
Mayor

Attest:

Javis Wilson

City Clerk