

January 23, 2018
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on January 23, 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 Doug Meyer, First Christian Church, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the minutes of January 5, 2018 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss stated we need to add ‘The commissioners agreed to continue in the partnership agreement between the City and County for the Economic Development Director position’ to the minutes. Mayor Cole stated on the second page, fourth paragraph, the first sentence should read membership ‘to’. A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018 as amended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Commissioner Gwin stated page two, fourth paragraph should read ‘Mayor Cole’. Mayor Cole stated page three, second paragraph should read ‘adjourned’. A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 as amended. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lisa VanNorman, Elaine Neuenschwander, Debra Tucker Brewer and Pat Romig requested consideration to allow trap, spay or neuter and release of cats in the City. Commissioner Gwin asked city staff to prepare a proposal for the governing body’s consideration.

GOVERNING BODY

Will Mechnig reported that he will publicize his position to get more students interested.

Commissioner Gwin questioned where we are on advertising the opening at city hall. City Manager Weiner replied that City Clerk Kinney is reviewing the ad.

Commissioner Gwin questioned the status of the county helping with roads. City Manager Weiner reported that the county will provide the labor and the city will provide the money for the material. Mr. Lester Welsh, Anderson County Road Superintendent, will make the decision on road

conditions and whether we can chip and seal. We plan to have approximately 25 blocks chip and sealed and three (3) blocks of asphalt milling and overlay.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss reported she attended a presentation by Chris Ann Hall on January 14-15, 2018 on State sovereignty. She can get a copy of the recorded presentation if anyone is interested.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss stated she would like a work planning meeting scheduled the first couple of weeks of February to look at possible dates for objectives for the year.

Mayor Cole stated the City Comprehensive Plan was done in 1993 and we need to update it. She would like to see a 2-year to 5-year strategic plan for the departments. We also need to get the City code book updated and review the personnel policy manual.

Mayor Cole stated she would like a date and time scheduled for a town hall meeting to update the community on the water plant.

Mayor Cole stated she would like more youth involvement. She suggested Mr. Mechnig ask students in grade six (6) through grade 12 what they would like to see in our community.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) agreement. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to reappoint Charles Allen, Ron Zimmerman, and Michael Brown to another two (2) year term on the Airport Board. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

The governing body tabled the amendment to the Economic Development Agreement with Anderson County.

The Anderson County Development Agency (ACDA) will review candidates for the Economic Development Director position and recommend the hiring of one (1) candidate to the Governing Body and Anderson County Commissioners.

City Manager Weiner will schedule two (2) to three (3) dates for public forums on the water plant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve semi-monthly claims in the amount of \$389,851.25. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:47 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Cole to adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 30-minutes after a 5-minute break, with City Attorney Solander present. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 8:20 p.m., A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend the executive session 20-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 8:40 p.m., A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend the executive session 10-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 8:50 p.m., A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend the executive session 5-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 9:00 p.m., A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend the executive session, with the city manager, for 5-minutes. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 9:06 p.m., Mayor Cole called the meeting back to order and stated no action was taken in executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

s/Jody M. Cole
Mayor

Attest:

s/Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk