

February 12, 2019  
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on February 12, 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, Interim 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 Josh Ford, Trinity Baptist Church, giving the invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Governing Body reviewed the January 22, 2019 City Commission Special Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to approve the January 22, 2019 City Commission Special Meeting minutes. Mayor Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Julie Turnipseed was recognized as the Employee of the Month.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

### **GOVERNING BODY**

Commissioner Cole thanked the City employees for enduring the weather we have had and appreciated them getting out to clean the roads. She also wanted to give a shout out to the Anderson County Scholar Bowl Team for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place at State.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss thanked everyone for the work they did during the weather. She also asked if the collection points were still up on the trail and thought it would be confusing since we no longer pay fees to use the trail. She also mentioned an ordinance was passed a couple of years ago to allow golf carts and work site utility vehicles to drive around town, but a permit is required to use those vehicles at the Cedar Valley Reservoir. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss commented the Reservoir is a park maintained by the city and thought those permit fees should be lifted for those certain vehicles since those vehicles are allowed on city streets without a permit.



Mayor Gwin complimented Kris Hix, Garnett Chamber of Commerce Director, on the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. He mentioned it was a packed house and a very nice event. He also asked City Manager Weiner about the Police Department information that was requested. City Manager Weiner commented he would provide hard copies after the meeting concluded.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

- Wastewater System Upgrades Presentation by Jay Norco. Jay Norco mentioned that camera work was performed last year in the Midtown Area, between 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and from Maple over to Pine. This area was previously identified as severely deteriorated so Midwest Drain and Sewer was hired to explore and document these old clay lines and then Jay rated the lines in this area with this data. The original plan was a ten (10) year plan, with this being the second phase of construction – with an estimated cost of \$1.6 million dollars. However, due to the limitations in funding, it is going to take more than ten (10) years. With the current situation with the sewer revenue and the sewer fund, we expect it to take an additional at least five (5) years on top of the original ten (10) years to accomplish the plan. There are some other expenditures on the horizon at the Wastewater Plant as we anticipate having to upgrade it to address nutrient removal as well as replace equipment and modify the structure. Mr. Norco recommended some of the repairs be done this year, and other improvements next year as we await final regulations from KDHE – the expected cost for this could be up to \$650,000. He commented the goal for 2019 is to prioritize and go after the worst wastewater lines we've identified and make some plant improvements.
- Consideration of Charter Ordinance 28: Establishing a Five-Member City Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to approve Charter Ordinance 28: Establishing a Five-Member City Commission. Mayor Gwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Cole voted against. Motion passed 2-1.
- Consideration of Ordinance 4198: Rezoning of Land Adjacent to the Anderson County Hospital. Mayor Gwin mentioned there was to be a two (2) week petition period after the public hearing that has not been completed yet, so this item will be on the next meeting's agenda for potential action. Trisha Wilson spoke asking if the property was rezoned, would the hospital be able to do anything within the parameters of that zone without further notification from the home owners and approval from the city and expressed her concern what would happen with the property once the rezoning was done. Vicki Mills, representing the Hospital, commented that the Hospital's plans did not include tearing the house down to make a road out to seventh street which seems to be the main concern of everyone. Mayor Gwin asked if zoning has changed in the past when there is no need, and historically changed zoning areas in residential neighborhoods. City Attorney Solander commented that changes have been made for both immediate and future uses. Mayor Gwin commented this would be discussed in two (2) weeks at the next Commission meeting.



- Appointment of City's Director #1 to serve on KMEA's Board of Directors. After discussion, Mayor Gwin made a motion to approve Chris Weiner as the Director #1 to serve on KMEA's Board of Directors. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Transient Guest Tax Application from Farm Bureau and the Garnett BPW for the Women's Fair. After discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss made a motion to approve the Transient Guest Tax Application from Farm Bureau and the Garnett BPW for the Women's Fair in the amount of \$585.13. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Transient Guest Tax Application from the Garnett BPW for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Square Fair in the amount of \$1,630.57. After discussion, Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the Transient Guest Tax Application from the Garnett BPW for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Square Fair in the amount of \$1,630.57. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Transient Guest Tax Application from the Chamber Player's Community Theatre in the amount of \$3,450.00. After discussion, Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve the Transient Guest Tax Application from the Chamber Player's Community Theatre in the amount of \$3,450.00. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Semi-Monthly Bills in the amount of \$294,804.70. After discussion, Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss motioned to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$294,804.70. Mayor Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss commented on the Water Plant having problems with their Chlorine Dioxide setup and asked if it required any public notification. City Manager Weiner commented no, this machine is important when we get warmer weather during the summer. The expectation was that we were going to have to spend \$75,000 to fix it however we are hoping to get that cost down. Thankfully however, the new machine should be compatible with our new plant once constructed. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss also mentioned one of the trash trucks needs some extensive servicing. City Manager Weiner commented the oldest truck needs brake work done, however the parts for the truck are no longer manufactured and if we continue to run this truck, eventually it will be beyond repair. He outlined a plan for addressing this and other equipment issues in the Sanitation Department.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss commented that the Police Department was very busy and that she was excited that they helped locate a missing child and found a wanted felon. She thanked them for the job they did in January. She also mentioned that she was excited to hear about the Library's Summer Reading Program as well as the Library receiving a Dream Grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System to install a permanent story walk on the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail.



Commissioner Cole asked if we have received an updated prepaid agreement from KMGA. City Manager Weiner commented we haven't received it yet however Director Mills did recently receive some more information from KMGA.

Mayor Gwin requested information on what the City's water loss was for December and January.

The City Manager's report was received and discussed.

The 2018 Annual Financial Report was received and discussed.

The Garnett and Anderson County Economic Profile was received and discussed.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no citizens to be heard.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

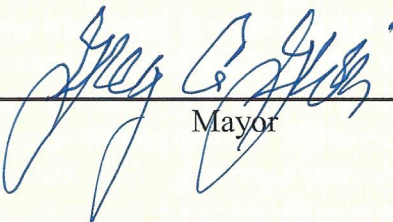
Mayor Gwin made a motion to recess to executive session to discuss individual employee pursuant to non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. Statue 75-4319 (b) 1 for fifteen (15) minutes, but with a five (5) minute break prior to the executive session starting at 7:55 p.m. with the following present: City Manager Weiner, Attorney Solander, and the Commission. Regular session to resume at 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

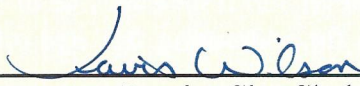
At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss, seconded by Mayor Gwin to extend executive session for five (10) minutes.

Mayor Gwin adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Mayor

  
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Interim City Clerk