

December 26, 2018
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on December 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following individuals present: Jody Cole, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss, City Commissioners; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Terry J. Solander, City Attorney; Travis Wilson, Interim City Clerk; and Will Mechnig, Student 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

The Governing Body reviewed the December 11, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Cole to approve the December 11, 2018 City Commission Meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present.

GOVERNING BODY

Student Representative Will Mechnig made contact with Ms. Renyer and should have a copy of the letter petitioning the City for a left turn signal at the intersection of Park Road and 59 and should have the materials necessary for the Commission to look at during the first meeting in January.

Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss mentioned she was at the Reservoir and saw that the portable toilets were removed and was glad to see that her concerns were taken care of. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss also wanted to address her concern with the chip and seal on Walnut. She noticed that it appears to be worn down to the asphalt and asked if that is typical with the chip and seal process. City Manager Weiner explained the normal process of laying the oil down and then the chips go on top of the oil. City Manager Weiner also mentioned that the purpose for the chips/rocks is make sure the oil stays there because if we just lay the oil down and add a seal coat to seal the crack, traffic must stay off the road for 24 to 48 hours and by putting the chips down, you are able to allow traffic immediately because the rocks will keep the oil in place.

Mayor Cole wanted to express her gratitude to the City Employees as well as City Manager Weiner for all the hard work this year and for being frugal with spending because we ended the year with over \$1,000,000 dollars more than what we started with. Mayor Cole also wanted to thank every volunteer that helped with an event or sponsored an event this year and that all are appreciated.

Mayor Cole also wanted to personally thank Nancy Hermreck for doing a fantastic job as Interim City Clerk over the past 8 months and during her 24 years of employment with the City. Mayor Cole also expressed gratitude for allowing her to serve as Mayor of Garnett as it has been an honor and privilege to serve the City employees and the community patrons of Garnett.

Commissioner Gwin wanted to add that the City Christmas Party was very nice again and that everyone had a good time and thanked everyone for their efforts on it and thought it was a success.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Consideration of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses at the Chinese Restaurant, Casey's General Store #1336, Pizza Hut of Southeast Kansas, and Short Stop #20. After discussion, Mayor Cole motioned to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consideration of Semi-Monthly Bills in the amount of \$425,588.99. Mayor Cole noted that approximately \$225,000 is for a new digger derrick for the Electric Department and was greatly needed equipment. After discussion, Mayor Cole motioned to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$425,588.99. Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

City Manager's Report was received. City Manager Weiner thanked the Commissioners for a tremendous year and thought we had a very successful year operationally and financially and that we have made a lot of progress being on a good path forward with a bright future ahead of us. City Manager Weiner also thanked the Commissioners for all of their time, effort and energy they put into their jobs and for providing the leadership that they do as City Commissioners. City Manager Weiner recognized previous Interim City Clerk, Nancy Hermreck, for the terrific job that she has done the past 8 months and announced that she has decided to step down from the position. City Manager Weiner appointed Travis Wilson as Interim City Clerk until the position is filled permanently.

Vyve Cable Rate Increase. City Manager Weiner announced that Vyve has increased their cable rates mainly due to their programming costs keep going up and those costs get passed down to the residents who have Vyve as their service provider.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gwin asked for a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. Statue 75-4319 (b) 1 with the Commission, Attorney Solander, and City Manager Weiner present.

Mayor Cole made a motion to recess executive session to discuss individual employee pursuant to non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. Statue 75-4319 (b) 1 for ten (10) minutes with the executive session starting at 6:15 p.m. with the following present: City Manager Weiner, Attorney

Solander, and the Commission. Regular session to resume at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Gwin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

At 6:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

At 6:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

At 6:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for ten (5) minutes.

At 6:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for ten (5) minutes.

At 6:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for ten (5) minutes.

At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for three (3) minutes.

Mayor Cole called the meeting back to order at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Gwin requested an executive session for thirty (30) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with just the Commission present. Commissioner Gwin also requested a five (5) minute break prior to the session beginning at 7:11 p.m. Session to be from 7:11 p.m to 7:41 p.m. Mayor Cole asked if Attorney Solander would stay until the executive session ends.

At 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Commission Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss to extend executive session for three (5) minutes.

At 7:46 p.m. a motion was made by Commission Gwin, seconded by Mayor Cole to extend executive session for twenty (20) minutes.

At 8:06 pm. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes. Attorney Solander was asked to join the session by Commissioner Gwin.

At 8:16 pm. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

At 8:26 pm. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for ten (10) minutes.

At 8:36 pm. a motion was made by Mayor Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to extend executive session for five (5) minutes.

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At 8:41 p.m. Mayor Cole called the meeting back to order. With no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Cole motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commission Gwin. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Interim City Clerk