

May 9, 2017
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; Greg A. Gwin and Jody M. Cole, City Commissioners; Joyce E. Martin, City Manager; Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk and Terry J. Solander, City Attorney. Also attending: Jeremy DuPont, ACHS Youth in Government Representative.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Blackie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Joe Johnson, Minister of the Life Assembly of God Church, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Blackie questioned using 'Garnett House' in the fourth paragraph of the April 25, 2017 minutes. City Attorney Solander reported this is what the men who own the property are calling the structure. Commissioner Gwin said that the resolution date needs to be corrected from 4/25/18-1 to 4/25/17-1. A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017 as corrected. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Dan Schulte, representing the Schulte Insurance Agency, presented a check to Mayor Blackie in the amount of \$30,115.42 from the EMC Insurance Safety Dividend Group. This is the largest dividend check the City has received from EMC and reflects the city manager's and department head's commitment to good safety practices.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

Mayor Blackie read a proclamation proclaiming May 2017 as Community Action Month. This was requested by ECKAN.

Commissioner Gwin congratulated Jeremy DuPont on his last day at high school as he graduates with the class of 2017 on Sunday, May 14th. Commissioner Cole echoed her congratulations as well.

Jeremy DuPont reported that the skate park group sold 110 dozen Krispie Kreme donuts as a fund raiser to help meet their obligation to purchase skate park equipment. They were disappointed with the last Pizza Hut fundraiser as the manager forgot to set out their donation cards. They plan to continue fundraising with Pizza Hut and Krispie Kreme. City Manager Martin commended Jeremy for selling the majority of the donuts. She offered her opinion that Jeremy appears to be the main one who is committed to raising funds for this project.

City Manager Martin reported that the foundation board submitted three (3) names to serve on their board. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to appoint Gary Teel, Erin Stevenson, and Helen Norman to serve on the foundation board for 3-year terms. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Discussions were held on the transient guest tax applications. The tourism committee recommended not to fund the non-marketing grant of \$2,500 as submitted by the Anderson County Fair Board. City Manager Martin reported that the tourism committee felt they did not want to keep paying funds towards an event that continues to lose money. Jess Rockers, President of the Anderson County Fair Association, met with the city manager and Tom Emerson, Tourism Board Chairman after the April 12th tourism meeting. Five (5) members of the Fair Board met with the Tourism Board on May 3, 2017 to explain their application which was not changed from their original submission. Commissioner Gwin stated that it is anticipated that events for 2017 could total \$28,000 which is \$2,000 over the approved community development budget of \$26,000. He added that the tourism committee is entrusted to make recommendations to the governing body. He said he personally regrets that this request was not recommended for approval, but he agrees with the Tourism board's recommendation.

City Manager Martin said the fair association was given suggestions and an opportunity to rewrite their grant request. However, since they chose not to do this, she agrees with the Tourism board's recommendation.

Other concerns expressed by the Tourism board are that other events such as Air Fair and the new car club show have never asked for funding. In addition the library staff plans to bring back the "Celebrate a Book" event this year. Another concern is the recent amount of transient guest tax funds received was the lowest it's been since 2013. Susan and Desiree checked with the motels in an effort to determine an explanation for the reduction of revenue. It was reported that the facilities hadn't been too busy the first three (3) months of 2017 but anticipate increased revenues in the months to come because of reunions, vacations and weddings. The tourism committee discussed all of these factors, plus the possibility of capping the amount an organization can ask for, in an effort to make solid recommendations to the governing body.

A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to deny the non-marketing transient guest tax application for \$2,500 of the Anderson County Fair Association. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

City Manager Martin reported that the Anderson County Fair Association transient guest tax marketing application originally requested \$4,000 but the tourism committee recommended not to approve the amounts for local advertising. Mayor Blackie stated he appreciated the tourism committee's diligence in reviewing these applications. A motion was made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the transient guest tax marketing application of the Anderson County Fair Association for \$2,800. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

City Manager Martin reported that since 2013, the City has given the Anderson County Fair Association \$14,170 either from the general fund or transient guest tax funds. In addition to this

financial support, the city provides 3,500 kilowatts of free electricity, plus water and trash service at no charge to the fair board each year. The vendors located along the Legion ballfield are not charged for electricity. Commissioner Gwin added that their application states they lost \$4,000 on the fair last year and said he wished them success. City Manager Martin agreed and said the community needs to support the fair.

The Lake Garnett Grand Prix transient guest tax marketing application was reviewed. The tourism committee recommended approval of \$1,300 of the requested \$2,700. A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the transient guest tax application of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival in the amount of \$1,300. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

The General Report of City Manager Joyce E. Martin was received and discussed, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

City Manager Martin reported the outflow metering device to monitor the volume of water from Cedar Valley Reservoir has been received and will be installed this week.

A Fairbanks Morse engineer will look at the pumps at the power plant to determine if the nameplate rating on each pump is correct. A representative from the Department of Water Resources questions the accuracy of the information recently submitted.

City Manager Martin reported that the repair technician took the AWOS unit from the airport with him rather than fixing it onsite. Two (2) pilots attempted to file reports that the unit wasn't working and later learned that the unit was not in place.

The Airport Board continues to struggle to fill their open position. The City Manager said she remembers the governing body changed the number of board members from five (5) to six (6), which might provide for one (1) additional county resident. She will check and report back to the commission.

City Manager Martin reported that she filed the Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant application to help cover costs for the Sensory Park last Friday.

City Manager Martin said the second “Garnett Remembers Event will be held on the courthouse square on May 25, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 5/9/17-1 was read as follows: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PATRIOTS BANK (OF GARNETT, KANSAS) AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF THE FUNDS OF THE GARNETT MUNICIPAL COURT, CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS; AND DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AND DEFINING AUTHORITY OF THOSE OFFICIALS TO TRANSACT BANKING BUSINESS AT SUCH OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY BANK. City Attorney Solander stated that this is a request from Patriot's Bank for authority of signatures for the municipal court account. He always assumed the other resolution covered the court account, and rightfully so. At the banks request, the resolution will fix whatever issue they have perceived. A motion was

made by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve Resolution 5/9/17-1. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

CLAIMS, BONDS & COMMERCIAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Ordinance # 4181 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve Ordinance #4181 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes –none. Ordinance #4181 paid warrants in the amount of \$250,204.26.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50 p.m., Commissioner Gwin stated he would like to adjourn to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. He asked that City Manager Martin remain in the executive session. Commissioner Cole stated she would like City Attorney Solander to remain as well. At 6:50 p.m., the executive session was extended until 7:10 p.m. At 7:10 p.m. the regular meeting was called back to order.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

/s/ W. Gordon Blackie
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Kristina L. Kinney
City Clerk