

October 24, 2017
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in regular session on October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; Jody M. Cole and Greg A. Gwin, 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 Blackie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by Josh Ford, Trinity Baptist Church, giving the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Cole to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bob Mills, Lake Garnett Sporting Club, presented a check to Police Sergeant Robert McLeod for \$500.00 for the Garnett Police Department equipment purchases.

Scott Rogers, citizen, said he has been working with City Clerk Kinney and he thanked the city crews for being very responsive to things that needed done. He said Goppert State Bank owns a new house that is for sale and some lots in Evergreen Addition which they plan to build more homes. They had an open house last week. He mowed, weed eaten around the trees, and trimmed the trees on the median. City staff cleaned the street, removed some dead trees on the median and replaced four (4) street lightbulbs that were out.

Mr. Rogers said he also worked with City Clerk Kinney to get the alley by Josh Ford, between Walnut and Oak Street, cleared and it looks nice.

Mr. Rogers added that a gentleman attending the Lake Garnett Grand Prix last weekend loves Garnett and refers people from Kansas City to stay at the Kirk House. He said when he was on the tourism committee, a branding and imaging group came to Garnett to make recommendations. He said the trees at the parks need to be trimmed and weed eaten around the base of the trees and structures. The edge of the water needs cleared. The golf course has a section of fence lying on the ground. Building colors and roofs should be coordinated for better imaging. The stadium would look better if it was power washed and only needs minor repairs.

Mr. Rogers stated he liked the reports from the city department heads as it's good for transparency. He said the bullet points on the report were really good and made it much easier to read.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

The commissioner's had nothing to report.

Will Mechnig reported that the owner of the property next to the reservoir told him that there is noxious weeds on the city property. Commissioner Gwin instructed the City Manager to check with Vernon Yoder who takes care of the county noxious weeds, as he thought he had reported some in the past.

Will Mechnig reported that the high school girls cross country team will be going to State.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ordinance # 4193 was read as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION TWO (2) OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 4003 OF THE CITY OF GARNETT, KANSAS, TO CHANGE THE RESTRICTIONS FOR SINGLE AND TWO (2) FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USES OF STRUCTURES IN ZONE B-2 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT); REPEALING SECTION TWO (2) OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 4003. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to approve Ordinance # 4193 as written. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

Discussion was held on the vacation of Catalpa Street Right-of-Way (ROW). There is 50-feet of ROW on the west side of the road and 25-feet on the east side of the road. The current structure is on 12 ½ feet on the ROW. A motion was made by Commissioner Gwin, seconded by Mayor Blackie to authorize a ordinance to be written on vacating 15-feet of the ROW on the east side of Catalpa Street. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Blackie, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve warrants in the amount of \$638,490.15. 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.

City Manager Weiner reported that we are still awaiting the water rate analysis from Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA).

City Manager Weiner reported that another extension was filed for the East Kansas Agri-Energy (EKAE) tax appeal. We should have a brief decision by the end of the month. It could be 3 ½-months to 4-months before we know what the tax will be.

City Manager Wiener reported that the USDA grant has been submitted for a police vehicle, city car, and utility vehicle. If approved the federal government will pay \$50,000.00 and the city would pay \$42,000.00.

City Manager Wiener reported that Ken Amaya was promoted to Director of Gas and Water, which includes the water plant, water distribution and gas distribution. John Olson was promoted to Director of Sanitation and Transportation, which includes the sewer plant, street and refuse.

City Manager Wiener reported that we received a letter from the State on Floodplain Mapping. Gary Giczewski, Zoning and Code Enforcement, will attend a workshop for this on November 1, 2017. He will ask the planning committee if they would like to attend as well.

City Manager Wiener reminded everyone of the Business Professional Women (BPW) political candidate forum on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall Center. There will be a ‘meet and greet’ at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Wiener reminded everyone of the joint City/County Commission meeting on Monday, October 30, 2017 at city hall. We will have dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the commission meeting will begin after dinner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gwin stated he would like an executive session for 10-minutes to discuss personnel with City Manager Wiener.

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Blackie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to adjourn to executive session following a 5-minute break. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – three; Noes – none.

At 7:38 p.m., Mayor Blackie called the meeting back to order and reported no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Blackie adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

s/ W. Gordon Blackie

Mayor

Attest:

s/ Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk