

December 29, 2017
Garnett, Kansas

The Governing Body of the City of Garnett met in special session on December 29, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following present: Jody M. Cole, Mayor Pro-tem; Greg A. Gwin, City Commissioner; Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager; and Kristina L. Kinney, City Clerk. Absent: W. Gordon Blackie, Mayor; and Terry Solander, City Attorney. Whereupon the written request for said meeting as signed by Commissioners Blackie, Cole, and Gwin was read as follows:

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of the City of Garnett, Kansas respectfully request that a special meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Garnett, Kansas be held at City Hall at 12:00 p.m. on December 29, 2017 for the purpose of considering the following items, to-wit:

1. 2017 Amended Budget Hearing

Signed:

W. Gordon Blackie
Jody M. Cole
Greg A. Gwin

The Clerk was instructed to enter such request at length on the journal.

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Cole.

City Manager Weiner reported that the combined utility fund needs to be amended from \$107,437 to \$227,037 due to the early pay off of a bond. The water fund needs to be amended from \$1,554,740 to \$1,875,000 due to the new wastewater fund. Wastewater was under the water fund so he will transfer \$300,000 from the water fund to establish the new wastewater fund.

Commissioner Gwin questioned the amount to pay off the bond in the combined utility fund. City Manager Weiner stated we paid \$205,000 in principal, approximately \$9,000 in interest and \$13,000 for fees to pay the bond off early.

Commissioner Gwin stated in addition to transferring \$300,000 from the water fund, there was an increase in transfers to the employee benefit fund. City Manager Weiner stated there was not enough money allocated in 2017 for employee benefit and we had to purchase a water pump at the water treatment plant. Commissioner Gwin stated the commission was criticized for reducing the reserves so why do this and cause more reduction in the reserves.

City Manager Weiner stated he had to have money to start off the new wastewater fund and revenues from the sewer bills have been posted in the water fund so the reserves are part of the wastewater reserves. In 2017, there is \$1.7 million in water reserves.

At 12:09 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Cole opened the public hearing for comments or questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cole stated we need to do our due diligence and not pay something off early when there is a \$13,000 fee to do so. Commissioner Gwin questioned if we saved money to pay the bond off early. City Manager Weiner stated no. He said prior City Manager Martin had stated she had the governing body approval and was trying to clear the books for the new manager. In the future he will not pay off early.

At 12:12 p.m., there being no comments from the public, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to close the public hearing. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – two; Noes – none.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to approve the 2017 amended budget. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – two; Noes – none.

Commissioner Gwin stated he has some comments to make regarding the economic development director position. City Manager Weiner stated only the budget amendment can be discussed at this special meeting. Commissioner Gwin stated he will discuss it at the next regular commission meeting on Tuesday.

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Cole, seconded by Commissioner Gwin to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. On roll call, the following vote was recorded: Ayes – two; Noes – none.

s/Jody M. Cole

Mayor

Attest:

s/Kristina L. Kinney

City Clerk