

City of Tonganoxie
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
09/19/11

The Governing Body of the City of Tonganoxie met in a special meeting on September 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of discussing building acquisition and financing for Public Facilities and Industrial Park Infrastructure financing.

Roll call was taken with the following members and staff present: Council members: Dennis Bixby, Andy Gilner, Chris Donnelly, and Bill Peak. Mike Yanez, City Administrator; Mary Conway, Deputy City Clerk, and Michael Kelly, City Attorney. A quorum was established and with the absence of Mayor Jason Ward and President Jim Truesdell there was a **motion** by Bixby to nominate Peak as the President Pro Tem. Second by Donnelly. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried.

The meeting was called to order by Peak at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Peak to enter into executive session at 7:10 pm to discuss acquisition of property, to include Police Chief Brandau and City Attorney Kelly, for 10 minutes to return at 7:20 p.m. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried. **Motion** by Gilner to exit executive session at 7:20 PM. No items were discussed other than that mentioned and no votes were taken. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Gilner to re-enter into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss acquisition of property, to include Police Chief Brandau and City Attorney Kelly, for 15 minutes to return at 7:35 p.m. Second by Donnelly. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried. **Motion** by Gilner to exit executive session and reconvene with the scheduled meeting at 7:35 PM. No items were discussed other than that mentioned and no votes were taken. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Donnelly to direct Fire Chief Bennett to obtain bids for improvements to the Fire Station at its current location on 4th Street. Second by Gilner. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Bixby to form a commission to investigate the acquisition of a facility for the Police Department. Second by Donnelly. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the debt level and the council's concern of taking on more debt, thus the decision to expand the existing Fire Station rather than combine a more costly Police/Fire Station. Council members thanked Fire Chief Bennett and Police Chief Brandau for all their hard work in this endeavor and for their patience with the council.

Bixby spoke of his concern with the problems at the existing Police Station and the sense of urgency to act sooner rather than later. President Pro Tem Peak appointed the following for the commission of acquisition of a Police Station: Chief Brandau, Council Member Bixby and Council Member Peak.

Council Member Donnelly directed City Administrator Yanez to request Tom Kaleko to be present at the next council meeting on September 26, 2011 or the earliest regularly scheduled meeting he could attend. His attendance is requested to discuss the financing options for the industrial park.

With no further business to discuss, there was a **motion** by Bixby to adjourn. Second by Donnelly. Motion carried. All Ayes. Aye 4. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Conway
Deputy City Clerk