

City Council Meeting
February 1, 2016
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting



Mayor Jason Ward opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Jim Truesdell, Curtis Oroke, Chris Donnelly, Andy Gilner, and Kara Reed. Also in attendance were City Manager Nathan McCommon, Assistant City Manager Jamie Shockley, and City Attorney Michael Kelly.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2016. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to approve the consent agenda for February 1, 2016. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Fire Chief Jack Holcom addressed the Council and thanked them for their service and their support of the Fire Department. Members of the Tonganoxie Fire Department presented each councilmember with a fire department t-shirt and hat as a token of gratitude.
- Jan Shoemaker, 1811 Fall Creek, addressed the Council and thanked them for supporting the stop light at Stone Creek and 24/40 highway. She said that it has made all the difference when traveling through that intersection.

Old Business

Reviewing city attorney approval for lease-purchase agreement of public facilities

- Mr. McCommon explained to the Council that staff had been in contact with the attorneys at Gilmore and Bell to revise the agreements to satisfy the City Attorney's concerns.
- Mr. Kelly explained that his former concerns were addressed by Gilmore and Bell, but he has concerns about the 40 year term. Mr. Oroke said he would like to hear an explanation from the bank before moving forward with this agreement. Ms. Reed agreed that she'd like to discuss this with the bank before moving forward.
- Mr. Gilner moved to have a special meeting on Tuesday, February 2 to further discuss the agreement with the bank. Ms. Reed seconded. Roll call vote: Reed – yes. Gilner – yes. Donnelly – yes. Oroke – yes. Truesdell – no.

New Business

Request for complimentary water park pass by Genesis Christian Academy

- Mr. McCommon explained that the Council has authorized the City to donate one family season pass to the Water Park for Genesis Christian Academy to use at their annual fundraiser for the past several years. They have once again brought their request to the City, and staff is passing it along to the Council for approval.
- Ms. Reed moved to waive the \$140 fee for the family season pool pass and donate it to Genesis Christian Academy to use at their annual fundraiser.

Request expense authority for additional street lighting at Fall Creek Villas

- Mr. McCommon explained to the Council that residents of the Fall Creek Villas neighborhood filed a petition with the City asking us to do something about the inadequate street lighting in their neighborhood. The City reached out to Westar, who agreed to add additional street lights to the neighborhood at no cost to the city or residents. However, they did request that the city pay for their on-call contractor to come and do the trenching, which is estimated to cost \$6,000. The City Manager is requesting the Council to raise his spending authority for this expenditure in order to reimburse Westar for trenching costs.
- Ms. Reed moved to authorize the City Manager to reimburse Westar in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Financial audit letter of engagement

- Mr. McCommon explained the letter of engagement was in the packet for consideration. Part of the City's agreement with Kramer and Associates for auditing services is that the City sign a letter of engagement before beginning the audit each year.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the letter of engagement for the 2015 audit. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update on Sesquicentennial Celebration Planning

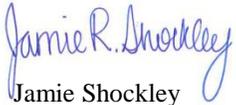
- Mr. McCommon explained that an agreement with Generation Relevant was in front of the Council for consideration to provide audio/visual and entertainment services for the sesquicentennial celebration. The total amount of the contract is for \$21,500, and the first payment of \$7,000 is due upon signing the contract. Chad Bourquin with Generation Relevant addressed Council and explained the services his company provides and what other events they work with.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Generation Relevant, LLC, which includes an initial payment of \$7,000 for the sesquicentennial event. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager Agenda

- Mr. McCommon explained that in front of the council was a draft neighborhood revitalization plan, and asked for feedback from the Council as to whether they wanted to keep their parameters the same, or change the parameters to be more in line with surrounding cities.
- Mr. Donnelly said he would like to see the City offer more of an incentive, and he thinks we should change our parameters to be similar to Lansing and Topeka's. Several members agreed.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn. Ms. Reed seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Shockley
Assistant City Manager