

**City Council Meeting**  
February 15, 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 February 1, 2016 and February 2, 2016. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to approve the consent agenda for February 15, 2016. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Open Agenda**

- Nobody addressed the Council during Open Agenda.

**Old Business**

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

- Mr. McCommon introduced the City's financial advisor, Tom Kaleko, with Springsted, Inc. as well as the City's Bond Counsel, Kevin Gowan, with Gilmore and Bell. The Council was informed that all parties have reached a consensus on the lease-purchase agreement for public facilities. The Council agreed that the Mayor should now execute the documents. No motion was needed, as the Council provided approval to execute the documents when passing Ordinance 1404.

**New Business**

**Presentation of Design and Construction for City Hall and Police**

- Marissa Carroll with HTK Architects presented the final design for the city hall and the police station and informed the Council that the City would go out to bid on Thursday, February 18, pending no concerns from the City Council. The City Council had no concerns with the final design.

**Update on Sesquicentennial Planning**

- Mr. McCommon gave an update on the sesquicentennial celebration, and informed the Council that Westar will be providing electrical service from utility poles complimentary, and that an electrical company out of Kansas City has agreed to donate all of the electrical work for the event for free.
- Mayor Ward stated that he would like to see the City sell a commemorative item during the event and requested the committee to research what that commemorative item might be.

**City Manager Agenda**

- Mr. McCommon gave the January Financial Report, stating that the revenues collected in January showed an increase from what was collected in January of 2015.
- Mr. McCommon asked for the Council's feedback as to whether they would be interested in applying for the Kansas Rural Housing Incentive District Program, which would subsidize the infrastructure and utility development costs for developers who build high-end housing in Tonganoxie. The Council stated that they would be willing to apply for the program and directed the City Manager to do further research.

**Mayor's Agenda**

- Mayor Ward asked if there was a reason why the City doesn't recognize President's Day as a holiday, and recommended that the City immediately make that amendment to the City's personnel policy as one of the City's recognized holidays.
- Ms. Reed moved to include President's Day as a holiday in the City's personnel policy. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn. Ms. Reed seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Jamie R. Shockley in blue ink.

Jamie Shockley  
Assistant City Manager