

City Council Meeting
July 18, 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 Curtis Oroke, Andy Gilner, Kara Reed, Jim Truesdell, and Chris Donnelly. 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 July 5, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda for July 5, 2016. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Monica Gee, 612 E. 4th Street, addressed the Council and invited them to a going away part for former council member Bill Peak, which will take place on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at the Myers Hotel Bar.

Old Business

Second Reading: Ordinance 1409, amending the City Code and repealing the ban on specific breeds of dogs.

- Mr. McCommon informed the Council about feedback he received from activists for and against the breed ban.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve Ordinance 1409. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session to discuss matters of attorney/client privilege

- Mr. Gilner moved to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to include the governing body, legal counsel, the city manager and assistant city manager. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return to executive session for a period of 10 minutes for attorney/client privilege to include the governing body, city attorney, city manager, and assistant city manager. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Continued discussion on Greystone Subdivision Drainage

- Mayor Ward requested Mr. Kelly walk the Council through his memorandum to the City Council regarding options for addressing the Greystone subdivision drainage on 7/18/2016.
- Mr. Kelly summarized the memo. Mayor Ward explained to the concerned homeowners that at this point, because the damage has been all on private property, the city does not have a case to pursue damages, but the homeowner does. No action was taken by the City Council.

Second Reading: Ordinance 1410, annexing certain parcels into the city limits

- Mr. Gilner moved to adopt Ordinance 1410. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-16-01: Annexation request to the County Commission

- Mr. Gilner moved to adopt resolution 07-16-01. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Presentation on Tonganoxie Tidal Waves – Janet Falk

- Janet Falk, 12263 230th Street, addressed the Council and thanked them for their support of the swim team. She stated that they had another successful season and had 125 swimmers this year.

Library Budget Presentation

- David Frese, Tonganoxie Library Board, addressed the Council and gave a presentation on the current programming offered by the library and the needs for expansion. Mr. Frese requested that the City Council begin engaging in conversations with the Library Board about how the two entities can work together to make a library expansion into a reality, including beginning the discussion of the renewal of the ¾ cent sales tax for the water park, which would be reestablished as a tax to pay for a new library.
- Members of the City Council thanked Mr. Frese for coming and said they would be happy to work with the library board to come up with a solution that makes sense for Tonganoxie.

Resolution 07-16-02: concurring that the Board of County Commissioners should create a community improvement district

- Mr. McCommon explained that this resolution would establish that the City Council agrees with the Leavenworth County Commission that the Industrial Park should be labeled as a community improvement district. Classifying the industrial park as a community improvement district will allow the Port Authority to get funding for the further development of the park.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to approve resolution 07-16-02. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consider approval of expense to repair security gate at Public Works

- Ms. Reed moved to authorize the repair of the security gate at Public Works by Wirenuts in an amount not to exceed \$2,979. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consider approval of expense to purchase attachment for backhoe

- Mr. Gilner moved to authorize the expenditure of \$4,078.50 to purchase an attachment for the backhoe from ELP. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager Agenda

- Mr. McCommon gave an update on the construction of city hall and the police station.
- Mr. McCommon reported on the June Financial Report and Quarterly Treasurer's report.
- Mr. McCommon informed the Council that the retreat for a strategic planning session will take place on August 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and September 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayor Agenda

- Mayor Ward requested the Council's approval to appoint Jake Dale to the Library Board.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to authorize the mayor to appoint Mr. Dale to the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mayor Ward informed the Council that he would like to take advantage of the hype the Grinter's Sunflower field brings each fall and plant some sunflowers throughout Tonganoxie to bring people into town when they visit the farm. He requested approval from the City Council to move forward.
- The City Council approved the planting of sunflowers at various locations throughout the City.
- Dianne Bretthauer, 1415 E. 1st Street, addressed the Council and inquired about the Mayor's Tree Lighting and how the process would work this year. Mayor Ward explained that this is one of those events that the City really needs to be in charge of. Ms. Shockley said that she'd be happy to put a committee together and move forward with planning the annual event.

Mayor Pro Tem Agenda

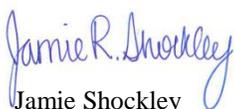
- Ms. Reed said that we still need to set a date for the Sesquicentennial Volunteer Appreciation. The Council agreed to set the event for August 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Gallagher Park.

City Council Agenda

- Mr. Gilner moved to enter into executive session to discuss confidential matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes to include the governing body, legal counsel, and the assistant city manager. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to conclude the annual performance evaluation of the City Manager and raise the City Manager's pay by 3% retroactively back to June 6. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Shockley
Assistant City Manager