

**City of Tonganoxie**  
**Special City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**04/14/11**

The Governing Body of the City of Tonganoxie met in special session at Bichelmeyer's Steakhouse Banquet room, 427 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street on April 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of considering incentive packages for an industrial business prospect.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum and the following members and staff present: Mayor, Jason Ward; Councilmembers: Dennis Bixby, Chris Donnelly, and Bill Peak. Mike Yanez, City Administrator; Kathy Bard, Asst City Administrator/City Clerk, Tom Kaleko, Financial Advisor with Springsted. Councilmember Gilner arrived at 7:40PM

**Motion** by Peak to enter into executive session at 7:05 pm to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of third parties, to include the Asst City Administrator, Kathy Bard, City Administrator, Mike Yanez and Tom Kaleko, for 15 minutes to return at 7:20 p.m. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 3. Motion carried. **Motion** by Bixby to exit executive session and reconvene with the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:20 PM. No items were discussed other than that mentioned and no votes were taken. Second by Peak. All Ayes. Aye 3. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Peak to re-enter into executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of third parties, to include the Asst City Administrator, Kathy Bard, City Administrator, Mike Yanez and Tom Kaleko, for 15 minutes to return at 7:35 p.m. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 3. Motion carried. **Motion** by Donnelly to exit executive session and reconvene with the regularly 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 3. Motion carried.

Councilmember Gilner arrived at 7:40 PM. Council discussion. Donnelly presented information from the Industrial Park committee and what they had envisioned when designing the park for possible industrial activity. Mayor Ward said we would want to present a package that will be competitive but on the back end be fiscally responsible and show a return. Tom Kaleko said that most incentive offers include that you will give this and this but in return they will have to do this and this, so the benefit outweighs or breaks even with the cost. In addition, any offer made to a prospective company will be based on two conditions: 1) Finding our more about the company; and 2) Council approval.

**Motion** by Peak to re-enter into executive session at 7:45 pm to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of third parties, to include the Asst City Administrator, Kathy Bard, City Administrator, Mike Yanez and Tom Kaleko, for 20 minutes to return at 8:05 p.m. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried. **Motion** by Donnelly to exit executive session and reconvene with the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:05 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 Peak to re-enter into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of third parties, to include the Asst City Administrator, Kathy Bard, City Administrator, Mike Yanez and Tom Kaleko, for 20 minutes to return at 8:25 p.m. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried. **Motion** by Donnelly to exit executive session and reconvene with the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:25 PM. No items were discussed other than that mentioned and no votes were taken. Second by Bixby. All Ayes. Aye 4. Motion carried.

The governing body continued discussion of incentives for economic development that are currently offered by the State of Kansas and different options the city may be able to offer the company to entice them to locate in Tonganoxie. Councilmember Donnelly said we need a break even for the City. The City would like to create jobs, fill up the industrial park and provide a fair return to the taxpayer of their investment of the park. After considerable additional discussion a consensus was reached to offer an incentive that will have a one to one return on investment with options on the infrastructure costs. Any incentive is contingent on final ratification by the Tonganoxie City Council.

With no further business to discuss, there was a **motion** by Gilner to adjourn. Second by Bixby. Motion carried. All Ayes. Aye 4. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Y. Bard  
Asst. City Administrator/City Clerk