



City Council Meeting
November 3, 2014
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 Kara Reed, Andy Gilner, Bill Peak and Jim Truesdell. Chris Donnelly not present. Also in attendance were city staff Nathan McCommon, Angela Bowlin, Jamie Shockley and City Attorney Michael Kelly.

Councilmember Peak made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Reed. Four Ayes, Truesdell, motion carried.

Open Agenda

No items presented for open agenda

Old Business

Update on Hwy 24/40 traffic signal improvements

- Mr. McCommon stated that project will be on hold until they receive the street poles. Should be complete within the next few weeks.
- Mayor Ward asked how detection will work at the new traffic signal.
- McCommon stated he was not sure of the detection for this particular intersection. In general, signals use inductive loops or video detection to initiate the timing sequence.

New Business

Introduction of Jamie Shockley, New Assistant City Administrator

Mayor ward welcomes Jamie and states the city is like family. Mr. McCommon includes that her prior work included working with the City of Olathe and the City of Riverside.

Approve an agreement for auditing services with Kramer and Associates

Council awarded Kramer and Associates for a 3 year term. Mr. Kelly states he went over the engagement letter with Mr. McCommon. Tony from Kramer and associates spoke at the podium that he is happy to work with the City of Tonganoxie. Peak motions, Seconded by Truesdell, All Ayes

Second Reading: Ordinance 1384, adopting the statewide 2014 Standard Traffic Ordinance

Adopting the latest Standard Traffic Ordinance keeps the City compliant with the latest legislation. Mr. McCommon states he has not heard feedback on the ordinance. Mr. Kelly says we haven't updated for 3 years. Recommended we update this. Motion by Peak, 2nd by Truesdell, All Ayes.

Second Reading: Ordinance 1385, adopting the statewide 2014 Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Peak, Seconded by Read. All Ayes.

First Reading: Ordinance 1386 providing notice to the World Company dba Knology of Kansas, Inc. to increase the franchise fee from three to five percent.

Franchise fee has been 3 percent since 1981. The contract with the company needs 90 days before passing this. Mr. McCommon did research on why WOW is not a state registered name. Right now DBA is WOW. Mr. Kelly stated that we will be sure this is clear before second reading.

First Reading: Ordinance 1387, amending Chapter XIV, Article 2 of the local traffic ordinance

Police Chief would like to table this item and check verbage of this ordinance. Agreed per Mayor Ward.

LVCO Spay and Neuter Program by the LCHS

This program is to help pay and neuter pets at low/no cost. They need a location for this program. . LCHS states they need a building with a restroom so that customers can bring them in Thursday and pick them up on Friday morning. Barn has been sold where they normally did their drop off. McCommon affirmed that the Public Works space would be available.

Discussion of future capital projects that may be shared by the City and Leavenworth County

Set up a time to have everyone at the meeting . The County...Mr. Bixby is not interested in promoting the 1 percent sales tax. There is still a confusing part within this per Mr. Peak. Mr. Gilner states we should come up with something to do as a project for the money. County Road 25 and County Road 1 was suggested. Per Mr. Truesdell, the county is only interested in something to promote economic development. Mrs. Reed states we need to have things in place and organized instead of brainstorming. Mr. Truesdell feels that the Planning Commission is needed for input, and is not interested in new projects and wants to focus on the current ones. Mayor agrees we should wait until Mr. Donnelly is present.

City Administrator Agenda

Mayor Agenda

Mayor's Christmas tree lighting is scheduled for November 22 at 5PM. Mayor Ward reached out to the school to pursue their commitment for a canned food drive. There will be a contest for the kids to see what grade collects the most canned goods to have lunch with the mayor. Lighting will be at 5-5:30 but the festivities will start around 3-3:30

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Presentation of artwork

Cheryl Hanback and Keyta Kelly, Members of the Retail Commercial Development Committee

Presented pictures and descriptions for the downtown pocket park, which details plans to attract residents to drive down Main Street. They proposed having two murals painted with information about Tonganoxie's history, and will be working on Call for Artists. Plans also involve the purchase of two picnic tables, a bench and a trash can. Mrs. Reed would like to see coordinated themes with the improvements of this park and Gallagher Park. They hope to receive a Leighty grant. Mr Peak states that they will have further meetings regarding the RCDC budget with Mr. McCommon.

Executive session to discuss non elective personnel for a period of 5 minutes – Gilner moved and Reed 2nd all Ayes. No Action Taken

Executive session to discuss confidential matters or trade secrets of a third party – Peak moved and Gilner 2nd all Ayes. No Action Taken.

Andy Gilner made a motion to adjourn at 8:00p.m., seconded by Bill Peak. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Bowlin