



City Council Meeting
July 20, 2015
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, Jim Truesdell, Mayor Jason Ward, Chris Donnelly, Andy Gilner, and Kara Reed. Mr. Also in attendance were City Administrator Nathan McCommon, Assistant City Administrator Jamie Shockley, and City Attorney Michael Kelly.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Ms. Reed moved to approve the minutes from July 6, 2015. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Zach Provo, 238 S. Whilshire, addressed the Council regarding flooding concerns on his property. Mr. McWilliams, 242 S. Whilshire, also addressed the Council regarding flooding concerns on his property. Mr. McCommon informed the Council that he would follow up with the residents and take a look at their property to determine the issue.

New Business

Consider approval of commercial real estate sales contract to purchase building at 522 E. 4th Street

- Mr. Donnelly moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for the purchase of the old post office building at 522 E. 4th Street for an amount not to exceed \$55,000. Mr. Gilner seconded. Council took a roll call vote: Reed – Aye. Gilner – Aye. Donnelly – Aye. Oroke – Aye. Truesdell – No. Motion passes 4-1.

City Administrator Agenda

Update on RFQ for public facility designer

- Mr. McCommon gave the Council an update on the RFQ for design services of public facilities. The RFQ is currently being advertised and responses are due on July 17.

June Financial Report and Quarterly Treasurer's Report

- Mr. McCommon gave highlights of the city's current financial status as of June 30, 2015.

Executive Session to Discuss Confidential Matters Related to the Acquisition of Property

- Mr. Gilner moved to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss confidential matters related to the acquisition of property, to include the governing body, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and City Attorney. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return from executive session after 15 minutes and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

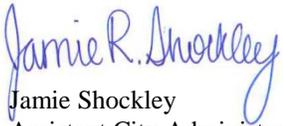
Discussion of 2016 Budget

- The Governing Body discussed the 2016 budget and directed staff to include the following in the budget:
 - Add a \$2.00 surcharge to the sewer bills to make up for the shortage in the Sewer Operations Fund due to increased debt payments
 - Reclassify a police officer position to a Sgt. position
 - Set aside \$50,000 for a one-time purchase of a new financial management system
 - Keep funding for the League of Kansas Municipalities, Leavenworth County Development Corporation, and Tonganoxie Chamber of Commerce as is. Reduce the Retail-Commercial Development Committee's funding to \$2,500 and set aside \$9,000 for grant money to be available to various community organizations who apply.
 - Mr. Truesdell moved to building a new police station on existing city property. Ms. Reed seconded. Ms. Reed said that this is the best decision long-term for our community. Mayor Ward said that by building a new facility, the Council is making a decision to forego some part of the City's future, whether it is KP&F or something else, and deciding to build a new structure would be saying that it's worth it to forego all of these other things for a new facility. Council took a roll call vote. Ms. Reed – Yes. Mr. Gilner – No. Mr. Donnelly – No. Mr. Oroke – No. Mr. Truesdell – Yes. Motion fails 3-2.

- Mr. Donnelly moved to request staff to inquire into acquiring into an existing facility. Mr. Gilner seconded. Ms. Reed – Yes. Mr. Donnelly – Yes. Mr. Gilner – Yes. Mr. Oroke – Yes. Mr. Truesdell – No. Motion carries 4-1.
- Council advised staff to increase the budget in the Capital Projects fund to set aside money for Gallagher Park.
- Mr. Gilner moved to direct staff to submit the 2016 budget for publication with the changes named above. Mr. Donnelly seconded. 4 ayes. 1 no. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Shockley
Assistant City Administrator