



City Council Meeting
August 3, 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

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from July 20. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Donnelly seconded. Mr. Truesdell requested to move item B (approval of payment to Premier Title of Kansas for purchase of the building at 522 E. 4th Street) to be after executive session. Mr. Gilner moved to approve Items A, C, and D and to move Item B for approval after executive session. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Nobody addressed the Council in open agenda.

New Business

Resolution 08-15-01 – Defining the geographical boundaries of the City of Tonganoxie

- Mr. McCommon explained that the resolution was intended to define the geographical boundaries of city limits and the City was required to adopt this resolution each year and file it with the County Register of Deeds. The resolution is identical to the one the Council passed in 2014, as the City did not annex any land this year. Mr. Gilner moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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 selection committee has narrowed down the respondents to 5 finalists, who staff will be calling to schedule interviews.

Update on 2016 Budget

- Mr. McCommon informed the Council that the public hearing notice for the 2016 budget was published in the Mirror with no change to the tax levy. The public hearing will be held on August 17 during the regular Council meeting.

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- Mr. Gilner said he would like the Council to continue the discussion on the council-manager form of government. He believes the Council needs to decide if they want it or not. Mayor Ward said he is supportive of the change, and believes it would more accurately reflect how the City is currently operating anyway.

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

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

Consent Agenda – Item B

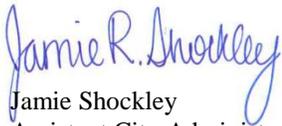
- Mr. Truesdell stated that he doesn't support renovating existing facilities to be used for the police department and city hall because he would like to build new facilities.
- Mayor Ward stated that the consensus in the last meeting was to move forward with an existing building, but the Council needs to decide which one. Ms. Reed said that she would not be the one to make that motion.
- Mr. Truesdell moved to build a new police facility on existing property. Ms. Reed seconded. Mayor Ward said that if the Council wants to vote on the same issue every two weeks from now until infinity, that is their prerogative, but the

consensus has spoken and it's time to move forward. Mr. Truesdell said that there is not a consensus on an existing building, and he would like a roll call vote on his motion. Ms. Reed said she would like to understand if there is a consensus on an existing building. She believes she has made her views very clear, and she doesn't understand where the other Council members stand because they won't speak up. She wants to know why none of the other Council Members will make a motion to move forward, as she doesn't believe she can compromise without knowing where everyone else is coming from. Mr. Truesdell withdrew his motion. Mr. Donnelly stated that the Council made a motion last time to get an existing building. He would like to do an evaluation on a limited number of buildings that are under consideration before making his decision. Mr. Oroke said that he would like to know more information about what the City can afford. Ms. Reed said that if we're having a study done on an existing building, then she'd like to have a study done on the cost of a new facility. Mr. Donnelly moved to have a study done on existing facilities and to not include new facilities into the review. Roll call vote: Ms. Reed – no. Mr. Gilner – Yes. Mr. Donnelly – Yes. Mr. Oroke – Yes. Mr. Truesdell – No. Motion passes 3-2. Ms. Susan Freemyer and Mr. Toby Allen addressed the Council regarding their concerns about the long process to select a building and move forward. Mr. Donnelly moved to have the hired architect from the RFQ process study existing facilities and give the Council detailed cost estimates on those facilities. Roll call vote: Ms. Reed – no. Mr. Gilner - Yes. Mr. Donnelly – Yes. Mr. Oroke – Yes. Mr. Truesdell – No. Motion carries 3-2.

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve Consent Agenda Item B. Ms. Reed seconded. Roll Call vote: Reed – yes. Gilner – yes. Donnelly – yes. Oroke – yes. Truesdell – no. Motion carries 4-1.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Shockley
Assistant City Administrator