

**City Council Meeting**  
May 2, 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, and Kara Reed. Chris Donnelly was absent. 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 April 18, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda for May 2, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Open Agenda**

- Monica Gee, 612 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Council with concerns about the grates around the trees on the sidewalks up and down 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The grates are rising and causing a tripping hazard for pedestrians. Mayor Ward said that he believed the maintenance on those grates belong to the property owner adjacent to them; however, he directed staff to look into the issue further, including the special assessment agreement.
- Shawn Linenberger, 635 Northstar Court, addressed the Council as board chair for the Southern Leavenworth County Leadership Development program. He informed the Council that the 2015-2016 class is about to graduate, and a couple city employees are part of that class, including Fire Chief Jack Holcom and Assistant City Manager Jamie Shockley. He wanted to let the Council know that each year, the class votes a member of the class to be the recipient of the Outstanding Leader Award, and this year, Jamie Shockley was selected by her classmates to be this year's recipient.

**New Business**

**Consider approval to award electrical service work for sesquicentennial**

- Mr. McCommon explained that Lobb Electric was the low and only bidder for the electrical service work downtown in preparation for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The total bid was \$2,721.00, which exceeds Mr. McCommon's expenditure authority.
- Ms. Reed moved to award Lobb Electric the bid for electrical service work for downtown events. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**County Resolution to Honor Sesquicentennial**

- Mr. McCommon informed the Council that the County Commission recently adopted a resolution to recognized Tonganoxie's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and help promote the Sesquicentennial celebration.

**City Manager Agenda**

- Discussion on the option of adding a day care pass at the Water Park
  - Mr. McCommon informed the Council that a suggestion had been given to offer a group pass for day cares to take advantage of at the Tonganoxie Water Park, and he wanted to get feedback from the Council on the suggestion. Mr. Gilner said he liked the idea, but has a concern about liability. Mayor Ward said that his concern would be about how the city would keep track of the daycares and if they are complying with all state requirements in order to take advantage of the pass. Mayor Ward asked that the item be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Update on County Road 1 Moratorium
  - Mr. McCommon gave the Council an update regarding the County Road 1 moratorium. The Leavenworth County Commission recently agreed to extend the construction moratorium on the development district south of town, near the City's industrial park. He also informed the Council that the County commission directed the county staff to meet with the City's city planner to develop a plan for moving forward and conducting a development study.

**Mayor Agenda**

- Mayor Ward sought a motion for the annual appointment of city officers.
- Mr. Gilner moved to appoint William Pray as municipal judge, Michael Kelly as city attorney, Nathan McCommon as city clerk, and Joann Ferguson as city treasurer. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to designate the Mirror of Tonganoxie as the official city newspaper for legal publications and the Leavenworth Times as the secondary newspaper. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mayor Ward wanted to hear thoughts from the Council regarding a call he received about the city's licensing requirement for plumbing contractors. The citizen's concern was that the requirements lean too heavily on commercial plumbing and do not apply to those contractors that only do residential plumbing. Mayor Ward said that he asked the individual to show the council how the city's requirements are different from those in surrounding communities, and the city would be happy to evaluate its current regulations. Ms. Reed said that she believed at the time that the requirement wasn't unreasonable, but she would be the first to

admit that she can't be sure whether or not the regulations are excessive. She would also like to hear from the concerned citizen about how are regulations are greater than those of surrounding communities.

### **City Council Agenda**

#### **Discussion regarding non-partisan city elections and the extension of council terms**

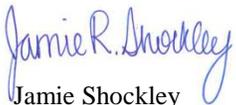
- Mayor Ward said that this was an item raised at the last council meeting by a request from the League of Kansas Municipalities for a show of interest as to whether the City would say one way or another if supported partisan or non-partisan elections. The request was to pass an ordinance that the election of city officers would be non-partisan. Mr. Truesdell said he is 100% supportive of that ordinance. The City Council directed staff to draft an ordinance to adopt non-partisan local elections.

#### **Executive Session for Matters Pertaining to Non-Elected Personnel**

- Mr. Gilner moved to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include the governing body, city manager, and city attorney. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to come back from executive session after 10 minutes and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Shockley  
Assistant City Manager