

City Council Meeting
June 6, 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 Jim Truesdell, Curtis Oroke, Chris Donnelly, Andy Gilner, and Kara Reed. Also in attendance were City Manager Nathan McCommon, Assistant City, and City Attorney Michael Kelly.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from May 16, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from May 23, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda for June 6, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

Monica Gee, 612 E. 4th Street, addressed the Council announcing that commemorative t-shirts of the Sesquicentennial are available for sale at downtown businesses.

New Business

Consider selection of consultant to lead a strategic planning process

- A consensus of the City Council directed the city manager to prepare an agreement with Novak Consulting for future approval by the City Council.

First Reading: Ordinance 1408, amending Zoning Regulations related to mobile vending

- Mr. McCommon summarized the proposed changes as a result of consultation with Mr. and Mrs. Brubacher of the Myers Hotel Bar.
- Mayor Ward asked Mr. Kelly how much risk there is by requesting a social security number on the vending application. Mr. Kelly acknowledged risk in electronic databases and proposed looking at the text again before the next reading.
- No action taken.

Discuss repeal of the dog breed ban

- Mr. McCommon summarized the history of the breed ban in the City Code and prior considerations by the City Council to amend the ban. He also shared testimony from local veterinarians recommending repeal.
- Mr. Truesdell suggested that the City Council hold a public hearing.
- Mayor Ward acknowledged that the public conversation has been raised many times and that, while he feels that education of the animal by the owner mostly determines behavior, the community has spoken thus far in support of the existing code.
- Mayor Ward opened the floor for public comment.
- Dr. Tabitha Regehr of 21874 Parallel Road, Tonganoxie, said she is a veterinarian in Shawnee and supports the repeal of the breed ban. She reported that owners of banned breeds hide possession. She feels that education of the owners and the dogs is the real problem. She added that she has never been bitten by a banned breed.
- Monica Gee of 612 E. 4th Street, Tonganoxie, agreed with Dr. Regehr's comments.
- Jenny Worden of 21256 203rd, Tonganoxie, operates Canine Kennel and supports repeal of the breed ban.
- Crystal Blackdeer of the Leavenworth County Humane Society supports repeal of the breed ban.
- Councilmember Reed supports the repeal of the breed ban.
- Councilmember Truesdell repeated that he was interested in hearing from the community.
- Councilmember Donnelly agreed that the city council should invite the public to the conversation.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to keep the item on the agenda for the next meeting and take public comments. Mr. Gilner seconded. 4 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carried.

Update on sesquicentennial celebration planning

- Mr. Oroke shared that plans looked in order for a successful event.
- Ms. Reed invited other council members to volunteer in the clean-up after the event.

City Manager Agenda

Update on storm water drainage

- Mr. McCommon summarized an estimate from city engineer to study the public infrastructure behind 238 and 242 Whilshire Drive and requested approval of the expense.
- A consensus of the city council agreed to the expense and directed the city manager to advise the city engineer to perform the work.

Update on construction of city hall and police station

- Mr. McCommon shared observation reports from HTK Architects and noted that Osborne Construction is well ahead of schedule. He added that change orders had used about three fourths of the construction contingency budget but expects to find few discoveries going forward.

Mayor Agenda

- Mayor Ward requested an executive session to discuss confidential matters of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes, including the governing body and the city attorney.
- Mr. Gilner moved to go into executive session. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes . Motion carried.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to return from executive session. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- No action was taken during the executive session.
- Mayor Ward requested an executive session to discuss confidential matters of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes, including the governing body, city attorney, and the city manager.
- Mr. Gilner moved to go into executive session. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes . Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return from executive session. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- No action was taken during the executive session.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan D. McCommon
City Manager