

City Council Meeting
August 1, 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, Kara Reed, Jim Truesdell, and Chris Donnelly. Andy Gilner 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. Oroke moved to approve the minutes from July 18, 2016. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to approve the consent agenda for August 1, 2016. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- James Crowley, 133 Hatchell Road, addressed the City Council regarding his concerns about water pressure in the northwest part of town. He requested the city council take action to fix this issue. He has concerns as to whether the water pressure would even be adequate in case of fire or other public safety concerns. Mayor Ward thanked Mr. Crowley for coming. He directed staff to place the issue on the agenda and bring forward what some options for addressing this issue might be.

Old Business

Vote to Publish Tax Levy

- Mr. Oroke moved to publish the proposed 2017 budget and tax levy. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Continued discussion on Greystone Subdivision Drainage

- Council members discussed the issue of drainage in the Greystone Subdivision and possible options the city could take to address the issue.
- The Council directed staff to draft letters to the residents of this neighborhood inviting them to a special meeting on August 22 to discuss the issue and inform them that the city is considering requiring them to move their fences out of the drainage easement.

New Business

First Reading: Ordinance 1411, amending the City Code to define “canvassing”

- Mr. McCommon explained that the purpose of this ordinance was to clear up some confusion regarding whether or not canvassing requires a solicitors permit. The ordinance amends the city code to clarify that a solicitors permit is only needed when a good or service is being sold.
- No action was taken, as this was the first reading of the ordinance.

City Manager Agenda

- Mr. Donnelly moved to enter into executive session to discuss confidential trade secrets of a third party for a period of 15 minutes to include the governing body, city manager, assistant city manager, city attorney, and Steve Jack with the Leavenworth County Development Corporation. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to return to executive session for a period of 10 minutes to include the governing body, city manager, assistant city manager, city attorney, and Steve Jack with LCDC. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Fire Chief Jack Holcom requested expenditure authority from the Council to purchase a thermal imager that would be reimbursed through a Firehouse Subs grant. Ms. Reed moved to authorize the expenditure in the amount of \$7,391.53. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Rural Housing Incentive District

- Mayor Ward said that he recently had a meeting with Greg Ward, who has interest in seeing the City of Tonganoxie create a Rural Housing Incentive development district.
- The City Council directed staff to determine the cost of a housing study and report back to the Council when that information is available.

Request to purchase battery back-up for PD computer server

- Mr. Donnelly moved to authorize the city manager to purchase a battery back-up for the Police Department computer server in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on high-density residential housing next to Sundance Apartments

- Mr. McCommon explained to the council that the developers of Sundance Apartments are interested in purchasing a piece of property currently located in Tonganoxie's industrial park to develop into high-density apartments. The property is currently zoned light industrial. The concept was recently pitched to the port authority, where it appeared that a majority seemed to support the idea. The port authority requested that the Tonganoxie City Council provide input as to whether or not they would support this type of development on this property. Ms. Reed said she had concerns about single family homes nearby that would not want to back up to high-density, multi-family housing. Mayor Ward said that he believes multi-family housing is certainly a need for Tonganoxie. Mr. Truesdell said he supports the idea. Mr. Donnelly abstained. Mr. Oroke said that he supports the idea and believes it makes sense.

Executive Session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel

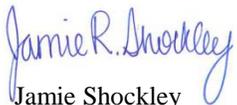
- Ms. Reed moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include the governing body, city manager, and city attorney for a period of 10 minutes. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Truesdell moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Oroke moved to return to executive session for a period of 12 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel to include the governing body and city attorney. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to return from executive session and make a note that no action was taken. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Agenda

- Mayor Ward stated that it was with a heavy heart that he accepts the resignation of City Manager Nathan McCommon, as he accepted a new position with the City of Bellevue, WA.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to accept Mr. McCommon's end date as October 4, 2016. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Donnelly moved to adjourn. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Shockley
Assistant City Manager