

City Council Meeting
October 17, 2016
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting



Mayor Pro Tem Kara Reed opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Jim Curtis Oroke, Andy Gilner, and Kara Reed. Mayor Ward, Jim Truesdell, and Chris Donnelly were absent. Also in attendance were Interim City Manager Jamie Shockley, City Attorney Michael Kelly, and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Bastron.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from October 3, 2016. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda and approve Pay Ordinance A-1789. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Monica Gee gave the Council an update on the Spooktacular planning.

Old Business

Review proposed ballot language for ¾ cent sales tax election

- Ms. Shockley explained the proposed sales tax ballot language and requested feedback from the Council on how the funding would be used and what specific language they would like to include.
- Mr. Gilner moved to add the library into the ballot language. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

First Reading: Ordinance 1414; Amending Chapter IV of the City of Tonganoxie Code Relating to Building and Construction

- Ms. Shockley explained that the ordinance was a result of concerns about the city's practice of requiring an engineer's stamp on the construction plans for houses that are less than 4,000 square feet, and this ordinance would give the building inspector the authority to not require that on construction plans. No action needed this evening, as this is the first reading.

Review engineering study from BG Consultants regarding solutions and costs for water pressure issue on Smiley Road

- Ms. Shockley explained that the proposed benefit district on Smiley Road came about from petition of residents to improve the water pressure in the area. The City engaged city engineering firm BG Consultants to put together an engineer's estimate of the total project costs, and that estimate was included in the Council's meeting packet. The total cost was between \$150,000 and \$200,000 depending on which solution the City chose, and those costs do not include costs for easement acquisitions and utility relocations.
- James Crowley, 133 Hatchell Road, spoke and expressed concern with total cost of the project, as the petition he circulated with the neighbors estimated the project to cost \$100,000.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve Resolution 10-16-01 and set a public hearing on the proposed benefit district for Monday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion and review of the City's sign code relating to political sign regulations

- Ms. Shockley explained that the City received a complaint about political signs being in violation of the city's sign code. In reviewing the complaint, she said that she found several discrepancies and made a decision to not take action on requiring the removal of the signs until the city council had a chance to review and provide an interpretation as to what the intent of the code is.
- Ms. Shockley requested to table the item until the next Council meeting when all members are present, as Ms. Reed had abstained from the discussion.

City Manager Agenda

- Ms. Shockley gave an update on the September financial report.

City Council Agenda

- Catherine Tuck Parrish with The Novak Consulting Group addressed the Council to discuss the recruitment plan for the City Manager search. She explained the documents and asked the Council to provide all comments and changes to Ms. Shockley by October 25. The job posting will go up on October 28.

With no further business, Mr. Gilner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Oroke seconded. All Ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.