

City Council Meeting
December 5, 2016
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting



Mayor 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 Interim City Manager Jamie Shockley, City Attorney Michael Kelly, and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Bastron.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Mr. Oroke moved to approve the minutes from November 21, 2016. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda and approve Pay Ordinance A-1792. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda-

- Nobody addressed the Council during Open Agenda.

New Business

First Reading: Ordinance 1416 – Incorporating by Reference the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 2016 edition

- Ms. Shockley explained the ordinance.
- No action taken, as this was the first reading.

First Reading: Ordinance 1417 – Incorporating by Reference the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 2016 edition

- Ms. Shockley explained the ordinance.
- No action taken, as this was the first reading.

Consider approval of amendments to the City of Tonganoxie compensation plan, effective January 1, 2017

- Ms. Shockley reminded the Council of the market study conducted on employee wages during the 2017 budget process. The City Council agreed to include market adjustments for certain city positions in the 2017 budget. Ms. Shockley presented the revised compensation plan and requested a motion for approval from the City Council.
- Ms. Reed moved to adopt the new compensation plan, effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Truesdell seconded. Mayor Ward reminded the Council that further evaluation and adjustments to our compensation plan need to be discussed and be a top priority in the 2018 budget process, as these market adjustments will not completely alleviate some of the issues the City has with compensating employees fairly for the work they do. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consider approval of emergency purchase/repair

- Ms. Shockley explained that the mixer gear box at the wastewater treatment plant stopped working and needed to be replaced immediately as the need for redundancy at the plant is essential.
- Ms. Shockley went on to explain that the purchase of a new unit would be \$35,000; however, city staff researched alternatives to this and found a company that will sell the needed bearing and gears to rebuild the unit, as well as a contractor that has experience in rebuilding these gear boxes. The total cost to purchase materials and hire a contractor is \$18,406.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to approve the emergency purchase. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager Agenda

- Ms. Shockley explained the communications plan for the sales tax election and informed the Council that she would be bringing them additional information at the next meeting.
- Ms. Shockley reminded the Council that they would be holding a special meeting in executive session on Thursday, December 15, to review city manager applications.

City Attorney Agenda

- Ms. Kelly explained that the agreement that the city has with the Grinters for agricultural purposes on the city's industrial park is very clear in how to terminate it, and the city simply needs to write a letter to the lessee, giving them notice of termination of the agreement.
- The City is terminating the agreement due to development that will be occurring on the industrial park property.

With no further business, Mr. Gilner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Reed seconded. All Ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.