

City Council Meeting
July 17, 2017
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 City Manager George Brajkovic, Assistant City Manager Jamie Shockley, and City Attorney Shannon Marciano.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from July 3, 2017. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Mary Gergick, Kansas Avenue, addressed the council regarding her concerns about the construction at the industrial park south of town. Mr. Brajkovic told Mary that she could reach out to him at any time and it would be more appropriate to address these concerns with city staff than come to a council meeting and speak during open agenda. Ms. Gergick said she would follow up with George after the meeting regarding her concerns.
- Monica Gee, 612 E. 4th Street, addressed the council and requested funds for 2017's spooktacular event. Ms. Reed moved to give the Tonganoxie Business Association \$1,000 for the 2017 Spooktacular event. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Update on Tongie Tidal Waves 2017 Season by Janet Falk

- Janet Falk, coach of Tongie Tidal Waves swim team, addressed the council and gave them an update on the 2017 season. The Council thanked her for all of her work and expressed continued support of the swim team's use of the Tonganoxie Water Park.

Resolution 07-17-03: Consider approval of tax abatement policy and setting the bond issuance fee structure for private activity revenue bonds

- Mr. Brajkovic explained the resolution and the proposed tax abatement policy.
- Mayor Ward thanked Mr. Brajkovic for putting the policy together and stated he believes this is something the City has needed for a long time.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve Resolution 07-17-03. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

June 2017 Financial Report

- Ms. Shockley provided the council with the June 2017 financial report.

2018 Budget Discussion

- Ms. Shockley led the 2018 budget discussion and requested feedback from the council on several items.
 - Regarding KP&F, the majority of the city council stated that they were not willing to raise the tax levy in order to pay for KP&F, nor were they willing to eliminate any existing city positions or programs. As such, staff was directed not to include KP&F in the 2018 budget.
 - Regarding water and sewer rates, the council directed staff to include a 3% increase for both water and sewer at this time; however, when it comes time to adopt the ordinance to adopt the new water and sewer rates, they would like to see what the rates look like for other nearby communities.
 - Regarding the stormwater fee, the council directed staff to cut the proposed fee in half, making the residential rate \$1.50 and commercial rate \$3.00 in the budget. The Council requested a stormwater project plan be presented to them prior to approving the ordinance to adopt the new stormwater fee.

Vote to Publish Maximum Tax Levy for 2018

- Mr. Donnelly moved to publish the maximum tax levy for 2018 at \$1,744,047, which equates to 45.144 mills. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Agenda

- Mayor Ward asked the Council to consider the appointment of Megan Vestal to the Library Board.
- Mr. Gilner moved to appoint Megan Vestal to the Library Board. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, to include the elected body, city manager, assistant city manager, and city attorney for a period of 10 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to return from executive session after 10 minutes and make a note that no action was taken. Mr. Truesdell seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Mr. Gilner moved to recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception for a period of 15 minutes, to include the elected body, city manager, assistant city manager, and city attorney. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Reed moved to return from executive session at 9:54 p.m. and make a note that no action was taken. Mr. Gilner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.