

City Council Meeting
September 18, 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, Andy Gilner, Kara Reed, and Chris Donnelly. 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 the September 5, 2017 council meeting. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Proclamation

- Mayor Ward read a proclamation, declaring the months of September and October as “United Way Months” in Tonganoxie.

Open Agenda

- Mayor Ward made a statement regarding the proposed Tyson plant south of city limits, and eliminated himself from future discussions regarding Tyson to allay concerns of a potential conflict of interest with his employer’s representation of Tyson Foods. Mayor Ward asked Mayor Pro Tem Kara Reed to preside over the open agenda portion of the meeting.
- Ms. Reed opened the open agenda portion of the meeting explained the rules for decorum when speaking during open agenda and requested that everyone state their name and address for the record before making any comments. Each person will be given three minutes to speak.
- Rocky Himpel, 122 S Village Terrace, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- John Dressler, 15371 206th Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Andy Pierson, 2150 Hidden Valley, spoke in favor of the Tyson project.
- Stephanie Boice, 2171 Valley View Drive, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Tabatha Regehr, 21874 Parallel, spoke in favor of the Tyson project.
- Steve Hughes, 250 Rawlings, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Scott Reynolds, 23225 207th Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Jamie Lawson, 1831 Finch, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Kent Porter, 1980 Tonganoxie Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Deborah Skeet, 15731 222nd street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
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- David Bennett, 1414 E 2nd Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Scott Elliot, 17581 Leavenworth Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Robin Bales, 22609 Hemphill Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Cheryl Hamilton, 2716 E. Hickory Court, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Brian Morley, 23947 Chieftain Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Keith L, 20549 Evans Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Dennis Bixby, 704 East Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Cindi Benson, 803 N Willow Point, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- David Compton, 17320 Blue Moon Lane, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Bob Alterman, 23151 207th Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Jill Claude, 1181 S. Delaware Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Kevin Finch, 1778 214th Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Wes Baker, 18632 208th Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Dan Harlan, 24736 Leavenworth Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Steve Ashley, 1201 Delaware Drive, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Mary Gergick, 21610 Kansas Avenue, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Karen Sherrill, 25206 Duncan Drive, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Dennis Bishop, 800 N. Oak Terrace, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.

- Howie Brewington, 20260 Parallel Road, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Zachary Stoltenberg, 430 Washington Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- JoAnn Farb, 1958 E. 850 Road, Lecompton, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Gina Zesiger, 250 Rawlings Drive, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Bob Bender, 21335 187th Street, spoke in opposition to the Tyson project.
- Ms. Reed thanked everyone for their comments and then called for a 10 minute recess.

New Business

Resolution 09-17-01: Defining the boundaries of the City of Tonganoxie, as required by KSA 12-517

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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- Mr. Donnelly stated that he appreciated so many residents coming to the meeting to express their concerns about the proposed Tyson project, and said he believes it is time to forget Tyson and move on to something that is a better fit for the community.
- Mr. Gilner thanked everyone for expressing their opinion and also stated that after hearing from the public, he believes it is time to say no to Tyson and move on.
- Mr. Oroke and Mr. Truesdell also stated that they are opposed to the proposed Tyson facility.
- Mr. Donnelly asked to sponsor a resolution at the next council meeting on October 2 to express the council's opposition
- Ms. Reed said that she was not ready, this evening, to express her position on the proposed facility, as she has had people both for and against the project reach out to her, and she wants those who are in favor and against the project to have a safe place to voice those concerns. She added she would state her position when the resolution is voted on during the October 2 meeting, once she believes she's had adequate time to hear from people on both ends of the spectrum.

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