

City Council Meeting
January 3, 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 Mayor Ward, Curtis Oroke, Chris Donnelly, and Kara Reed. Andy Gilner and Jim Truesdell 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

- Ms. Reed moved to approve the minutes from December 19, 2016. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to approve the consent agenda for January 3, 2017. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Kathy Bowen, 24895 McClouth Road, spoke in open agenda to request that the Council amend the minutes from the December 19 meeting, as they state Mr. Todd Luckman spoke in favor of the proposed rezoning at that meeting, and she believes he spoke against the rezoning.
- The Council agreed to amend the 6th bullet under the Ordinance 1418 agenda item by striking "spoke in favor of the project" and replacing it with "addressed the Council and"

Old Business

Second Reading: Charter Ordinance 27: Exempting the City from KSA 14-103 and KSA 14-2014, relating to the election of officers and transitions to November elections

- Ms. Shockley explained the charter Ordinance.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to approve. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Update/discussion on water tower proposal

- Ms. Shockley explained that Greg Ward got a quote for moving the RWD #6 water tower to the northwest portion of the City, and the council requested that she follow up with city engineer Brian Kingsley on whether moving and utilizing this tower would be feasible. She provided a report to the Council that the engineer would need to study the tower and proposed improvements further, but his initial thought was that the proposed tower to be moved would not fully address the City's water pressure and fire suppression needs in the northwest portion of town, and he believed there were better options for the Council to consider that would not cost significantly more than the cost to move and connect the RWD 6 tower.
- Mayor Ward suggested that this discussion wait until the city is in a position to move forward with projects on its capital projects list before investing more money into this particular project.

New Business

Consider approval of escrow agreement with Leavenworth County Port Authority and Leavenworth County Commission for industrial park improvements

- Ms. Shockley explained that the escrow agreement is part of the inter-local agreement with the Port Authority and County Commission for industrial park improvements. The purpose of the agreement is to designate a bank to oversee the disbursement of bond funds.
- Mr. Donnelly moved to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement, requesting that if the escrow agent requests any changes to the agreement as presented that it be brought back to the City Council for approval. Mr. Oroke seconded the motion. No further discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consider approval of selling fire engine #662 in the amount of \$100,000

- Ms. Shockley explained that the City received an offer from a company to purchase Fire Engine 662 in the amount of \$100,000 and Fire Chief Jack Holcom was present to provide further information and answer the Council's questions.
- Ms. Reed moved to approve the sale of fire engine 662 to Brindlee Mountain Apparatus, LLC in the amount of \$100,000. Mayor Ward requested Ms. Reed amend her motion to require the City Attorney to review the sales contract prior to the property being transferred. Ms. Reed amended her motion. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager Agenda

- Ms. Shockley explained the budget for the proposed festival, after direction from the Council at the last meeting that they would like to have two festivals in 2017 and the City would contribute \$35,000. Ms. Shockley expressed concern over the General Fund's fund balance going below desired levels if the City contributes that much money to two festivals in 2017.

- Mr. Donnelly moved to only hold one event in June and the City would contribute \$5,500 to the festival fund. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Ms. Shockley reminded the Council and residents that the City would be hosting an informational meeting on January 25 and February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for anyone who has questions about the proposed $\frac{3}{4}$ cent sales tax, which will be on the mail ballot election in February.
- Ms. Shockley reminded the Council that they will be conducting city manager interviews on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14.

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- Ms. Reed inquired about the new crosswalk signs on Pleasant Street and whether or not they were too small. She also inquired as to whether any action had been taken regarding reducing the speed limit on Pleasant Street. Ms. Shockley explained that in order to reduce the speed limit, a traffic study must be conducted. Mr. Oroke said that a traffic study was conducted before the elementary school, and requested city staff find out if that traffic study can be utilized. Ms. Shockley agreed to look into it and place it on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

With no further business, Ms. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donnelly seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Bastron
Deputy City Clerk