

City Council Meeting
October 16, 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 Curtis Oroke, Andy Gilner and Kara Reed. Council member Jim Truesdell and Chris Donnelly were absent. Also in attendance were City Manager George Brajkovic, City Clerk Patty Hagg and City Attorney Shannon Marcano.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2017 council meeting. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Gilner moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Oroke seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Open Agenda

- Lawrence Hill, 1541 Fall Creek Dr., voiced his support for the library and asked for a list of candidates that are running for council on November 7, 2017.

New Business

Mayor Ward moved Agenda Item A after Agenda Item C

- **Tabled - Agenda Item B – Resolution 10-17-03: Approving and authorizing the execution of a real estate contract between the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas and Unilock Chicago, Inc.**
- **Agenda Item C – Consider donation of old fire hoses and nozzles.** Tonganoxie Fire Chief Jack Holcom 825 E 4th St., presented information on a grant the fire department received to replace old hoses and helmets and a request to donate the old equipment to the Shawnee Mission School District. Chief Holcom introduced retired Fire Chief John Douglas, who is now the Executive Director of Safety and Security for Shawnee Mission School District. Chief Douglas presented information about Project Blue Eagle and explained it is a hands on course for high school students in the Shawnee Mission School District. The program uses equipment donated to them from area fire departments to teach public safety. City Attorney Shannon Marcano verified the donation of the old hoses could be used for training and/or teaching programs. A waiver of liability will also be signed by the Shawnee Mission School District.
 - Kara Reed made a motion to donate the old fire equipment to the Shawnee Mission School District Project Blue Eagle.
 - Andy Gilner seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.
- **Agenda Item A - Recognition of Fire Chief Jack Holcom.** Mayor Ward stated this was Jack's last council meeting. The mayor & council members presented Chief Holcom with a plaque for his service with the city. Nicole Holifield, 516 Laughlin St., thanked Jack for his service and stated his leaving is a tremendous loss to the city. Chief Holcom thanked the council for understanding the importance of Public Safety in the community.
- **Agenda Item D – Presentation from Tonganoxie Library and JE Dunn regarding needs assessment for proposed new library.** Nicole Holifield-Tonganoxie Library Director-opened with a short presentation about the importance of the library to the community, she followed that with a power point presentation that focused on the new library project, community use statistics, programs and services the library provides to the community. Brad McKensie-Sapp Design Architects-discussed the three possible locations, size of building needed and zoning regulations. Toby Tatum-JE Dunn Construction- presented a conceptual budget plan and timeline for a 16,500 sq. ft. building.
- **Agenda Item E – Consider budget request from Tonganoxie Library Board for proposed new library.** City Manager, George Brajkovic stated the library is requesting additional funds from the ¾ cent sales tax. The original amount asked for was \$3 to \$3.6 million dollars. The new amount is \$5.1 million dollars. Mr. Brajkovic reviewed the ¾ cent ballot language, revenue projections and actual funds received from the original ¾ cent sales tax for the water park. He stated that after consultation with financial advisor Ben Hart, Springstead Financial, the projected sales tax income would be approximately \$400,000.00 per year. The city council then used that number to budget \$200,000.00 to the library fund and \$200,000.00 to special highway fund per year. Council members voiced concerns over the requested fund increase. The council members also asked how surrounding communities funded their libraries and asked if fundraising for the new library was a possibility. Lajeane Keene, 817 Church St., Foundation member, stated they plan to hire a fund raising consultant and the foundation plans to do community fundraisers. The council members also discussed the need for improvement to the City infrastructure and the budget projections for other areas within the City. Mayor Ward suggested holding community forums to get public input on the need for additional funds. Brad McKensie stated there will be public meetings during the design phase.
- Mayor Ward called for a 5 minute recess.

City Manager Agenda

- Mr. Brajkovic presented the September financial report and the 3rd quarter treasurer's report.

Mayor Agenda

- Tabled executive session to November 6, 2017 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem

- Kara Reed stated she is still interested in a Farmer's Market in Tonganoxie and if anyone is interested to contact her.

Information & Communications (No Action Required)

- Mr. Brajkovic stated Public Works will be conducting a smoke test in the city sewers and he should have a preliminary report by the end of the week.

Mr. Gilner moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Ms. Reed seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.