

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019
7:00 Regular Meeting

Open Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Ward opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call: Council members present were Mayor Ward, Mayor Pro Tem Himpel, Mr. Oroke, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Stevens, and Mr. Bennett. No Council members were absent. City Manager George Brajkovic, Police Chief Greg Lawson, and Assistant City Manager Dan Porter were also in attendance.
- Chief Lawson introduced Ron Cross, the newest Tonganoxie Police Officer, to the City Council.

II. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting dated March 18, 2019

- **Mr. Himpel made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2019 City Council meeting.**
- **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

III. Consent Agenda

- a) Review bill payments
- **Mr. Himpel made a motion to approve the consent agenda.**
- **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

IV. Open Agenda

Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business. The comments that are discussed under Open Agenda may or may not be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. In order to speak during open agenda, you must sign up with your name and address with the city clerk or designee **before the meeting**. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor and **state your name and address** for the record.

- Dr. LaRosh, owner of the Pleasant Valley Veterinary Clinic at 401 N Main St, addressed the City Council and requested the waiver of pet license fees in the month of April 2019 for pets vaccinated at clinics located in the City of Tonganoxie.
- No other members of the public addressed the City Council during open agenda
- Mayor Ward commented that he agreed that it was fair to support local businesses with the waiver of pet license fees during the month.
- **Ms. Patterson made a motion to authorize staff to prepare and execute a resolution waiving the City license fee for all cats and dogs vaccinated at clinics located within the City of Tonganoxie during the month of April 2019.**
- **Mr. Bennett seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a) Ordinance 1466: Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas, 2003, by Rezoning Certain Property in the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas from R-Residential to R-Single Family

- Mr. Porter delivered the staff report prepared for the Planning Commission outlining the details of the 4 points included in the staff recommendation for approval of the rezoning request of property located at 520 Smiley Road. He noted that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the item by a 6-1 vote.
- Mr. Himpel commented that he had walked the property and was in agreement with the rezoning.
- **Mr. Himpel made a motion to authorize the execution of Ordinance 1466.**
- **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- b) Resolution 04-19-01: Findings of Fact related to Rezoning Certain Property in the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas from R-Residential to R-Single Family
 - **Mr. Himpel made a motion to authorize the execution of Resolution 04-19-01.**
 - **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- c) Consider Approval of Request for 2019 Funding Contribution for the Leavenworth County Development Corporation
 - Mr. Brajkovic introduced the item.
 - Steve Jack, Executive Director of the Leavenworth County Development Corporation, addressed the City Council and provided an update on the marketing efforts and initiatives underway to help promote the City of Tonganoxie and, in particular, the Tonganoxie Business Park.
 - Mayor Ward commented that he was interested in the concept of a hosted event such as a BBQ gathering that could be held in the Tonganoxie Business Park to help demonstrate the property to interested parties.
 - Mr. Himpel commented that he hoped any such event would provide for those able to walk as well as those with limited mobility.
 - **Mr. Himpel made a motion to authorize the funding of Leavenworth County Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$7,976.**
 - **Mr. Bennett seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- d) Resolution 4-19-02: Appointing Municipal Court Judge and City Attorney as Officers of the City of Tonganoxie
 - Mr. Brajkovic introduced the item and described the interest of Judge William Pray in continuing as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Tonganoxie.
 - **Mr. Himpel made a motion to authorize the execution of Resolution 04-19-02.**
 - **Mr. Stevens seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- e) Consider Approval of Request to Purchase Hydraulic Mower Attachment
 - Mr. Brajkovic introduced the item and described the potential uses of the mower attachment for skid steer equipment.
 - Mr. Porter described the Special Parks Fund as the funding source for the project and noted that the fund balance was sufficient to complete the purchase of the 2019 budget initiative at this time.
 - **Mr. Oroke made a motion to authorize purchase of a mower skid steer attachment in an amount not to exceed \$4,837.40.**
 - **Ms. Stevens seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- f) Charter Ordinance 29: Exempting the City of Tonganoxie from the Provisions of K.S.A. 14-205 and Providing Substitute Provisions Therefore, and Repealing Charter Ordinance No. 6

- Mr. Brajkovic introduced the item and described how it will enable the City to recruit qualified City Attorney candidates in the Kansas City metro area.
- Mayor Ward commented how he believed this sort of flexibility would enable the City to retain the best possible legal representation, which he was in favor of.
- **Mr. Bennett made a motion to authorize the execution of Charter Ordinance 29.**
- **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

g) City Manager Agenda

1. 2019 Employee Benefit Renewals Update

- Mr. Porter commented that staff will prepare employee benefit renewals as soon as the final renewal cost information data arrives, which will hopefully be next week. He stated that preliminarily it looked like dental insurance premiums would rise about 1% and vision insurance premiums will rise about 3% in plan year 2019-2020, which begins on July 1, 2019.

2. Library Project Update

- Mr. Brajkovic noted the Library project had no new financial payments but that JE Dunn hosted local and regional contractors interested in submitting bids on the project at a pre-bid meeting on April 1, 2019 at the Tonganoxie Public Library.

h) City Attorney Agenda

i) Mayor Pro Tem Agenda

j) City Council Agenda

k) Mayor Agenda

- Mayor Ward thanked staff for the preparation of all the materials for the recent Spring Retreat. He commented that the retreat was not always completed in past years but that it served as a good opportunity to kick off the budget preparation process.

VII. Information & Communications (No Action Required)

VIII. Adjourn

- **Ms. Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**
- **Ms. Stevens seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Porter, Assistant City Manager