

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 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, and Ms. Stevens. Mr. Bennett was absent. City Manager George Brajkovic, Fire Chief John Zimbelman, and Assistant City Manager Dan Porter were also in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes –Regular meeting dated May 6, 2019

- **Mr. Himpel made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting dated May 6, 2019.**
- **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.**
- **Ms. 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.

- Diane Bretthauer, 1415 E 1st Street, addressed the City Council with concerns about mowing and property maintenance issues.
- Mr. Brajkovic described the City's general procedure for addressing nuisance complaints.
- Mayor Ward asked whether the lag in time to address concerns was the core issue or whether it was repeat offenders.
- Mr. Oroke commented that the lag time in response was sometimes a concern to him.
- Mr. Himpel commented that he understood Ms. Bretthauer's concerns and that he was interested in staff evaluating options to make the existing ordinance more impactful when dealing with repeat offenders and tall grass issues.
- Ms. Patterson commented that she was interested in receiving more information about improving the ability to address repeat offenders.
- Mike Stieben, 3025 Copper Creek Court, addressed the City Council and offered that he would like to have an open relationship with the City Council in his role as County Commissioner. He provided an update on ongoing County initiatives and projects.
- No other members of the public addressed the City Council during open agenda.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a) Ordinance 1471: Acceptance of Utility Easement and Temporary Construction Easements from Edward J. Gergick, Jr.
 - Mr. Brajkovic introduced the item and provided an update on the larger project to acquire the necessary easements for an interceptor sewer line to be constructed in the future.
 - **Mr. Himpel made a motion to approve Ordinance 1471.**
 - **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- b) Resolution 05-19-05: Findings of Fact and Conclusions concerning request to rezone certain property more commonly known as 704 E 4th Street from "I-LT" Industrial Light District to "HBD" Historic Business District
 - Mr. Brajkovic introduced items VI(b) and (c) concurrently and provided a summary of the action taken at the Planning Commission in April 2019.
 - Ms. Soertart addressed the City Council on behalf of the applicant group and commented that she understood the use restrictions of the proposed zoning.
 - **Mr. Himpel made a motion to approve Resolution 05-19-05.**
 - **Ms. Patterson seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- c) Ordinance 1472: An Ordinance Amending the "Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations" Of The City Of Tonganoxie, Kansas, 2003, By Rezoning Certain Property In The City Of Tonganoxie, Kansas more commonly known as 704 E 4th Street from "I-LT" Industrial Light District to "HBD" Historic Business District
 - **Mr. Himpel made a motion to approve Ordinance 1472.**
 - **Ms. Stevens seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- d) Resolution 05-19-06: 2019 GAAP Waiver
 - Mr. Porter introduced the item and provided background about the GAAP waiver to the City Council.
 - **Ms. Patterson made a motion to approve Resolution 05-19-06.**
 - **Ms. Stevens seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

- e) City Manager Agenda
 1. April 2019 Financial Report
 - Mr. Brajkovic stated that the financial report would be delivered at the next regular City Council meeting.
 2. Urgent Needs Grant Update
 - Mr. Brajkovic provided a brief update about the status of the project and application process.
 3. Library Project Update
 - Mr. Brajkovic provided a brief update and noted that the second bid package would be presented to the City Council at the next regular meeting.

- f) City Attorney Agenda

- g) Mayor Pro Tem Agenda
 - Mr. Himpel commented that he has heard other concerns from the community about mowing and property maintenance issues and that the City Council should review the ordinances for tall grass and junk vehicles.
 - Mayor Ward agreed that it might be beneficial to review those issues.
 - Ms. Stevens stated that she has not heard many concerns.

- Ms. Patterson commented that she has also heard some concerns, but that any effort to enhance code enforcement should be focused on health and safety concerns, not simply aesthetics. She also clarified that she preferred to look more at how to address repeat or habitual offenders.

- h) City Council Agenda
- Ms. Patterson thanked the City's Public Works Department staff for all their efforts in the demolition of the duplex formerly located at 105/107 Pleasant Street. She noted the excellent work they did and how much better the site looks in its current state.

- i) Mayor Agenda
 1. Executive session pursuant to discussion of matters related to security measures
 - **Ms. Patterson made a motion that the City Council recess into executive session to discuss Police Facility Improvements pursuant to the discussion of matters related to security measures exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12). The open meeting will resume in the City Council chamber at 8:03 p.m.**
 - **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**
 - **Ms. Patterson made a motion to return from executive session and noted that no action was taken.**
 - **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
 - **Vote of all ayes, motion carried.**

VII. Information & Communications (No Action Required)

VIII. Adjourn

- **Ms. Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**
- **Mr. Oroke seconded.**
- **Vote of all ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Porter, Assistant City Manager