

**Greensburg City Council
January 21, 2014
City Hall**

Item 1: Opening Session

Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call

Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 21, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Pastor Jeff Miller gave the invocation. Council present: Matt Christenson, Haley Kern, Erica Goodman, and Sandra Jungemann. Mark Trummel was absent.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Jungemann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kern seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor's Report

Dixon reminded those in attendance of the Economic Development meeting at 6:30 this evening, at the Methodist Church.

Council Member's Report

Christenson presented two graphs depicting the average annual county population change based on the size of the county and the population change of Kiowa County 1990-2010 (including the predicted population until 2030). Considering the down trends in the country, and Kiowa County particularly, Christenson encouraged the Council and those in attendance to get creative with how to solve this problem in our community and not to lose sight of the big, long term picture by putting too much focus on smaller issues.

City Administrator Comments

City Administrator Ed Truelove briefed Council on the following topics:

- A. The filing deadline for the City Election to be held on April 1st was today at noon. There were five citizens who filed: Matt Christenson, Haley Kern, Georgina Rodriguez, Rick Schaffer, and Ruth Ann Wedel.
- B. Staff has received copies of the City's code book from City Code Financial and will begin proofreading the draft documents.

Item 2: Public Comment

Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for public comment.

Judy Kirk explained that she has been observing truck traffic more closely. She recommended placing "no truck turn" signs at the intersection of Main and Hwy 54. Kirk has observed a semi with a trailer attempting to turn south onto Main Street, running over planter boxes. Kirk noted this form of signage at a difficult intersection in Garden City appeared to be effective.

Tom Corns voiced his disapproval of a truck route of any kind within the City. Recognizing the City's concerns of road maintenance, Corns stated that most of the truck traffic in town would come during the weeks of harvest and that those farmers need the ability to do business within the community, while in their trucks. Corns mentioned working together to create a business friendly environment. Should Council decide to retain a truck route, Corns recommended the addition of S. Main.

Ruth Ann Wedel encouraged Council to consider tourism's need for RVs and buses to be allowed on city streets when reviewing the truck route. She also encouraged Council to not allow emotions to make decisions and to continue to get the community involved in their decision making process.

Kyle Merhoff voiced his support of repealing the truck ordinance, stating that common sense about safety will always prevail when a truck driver considers his route. Merhoff stated that adding Main Street to the current route did not make sense because of the downtown commerce and the width of the street in the downtown area. Merhoff is not concerned about bike safety when it comes to trucks in town, and he does not feel that there is an issue with overweight trucks that needs to be addressed or enforced. He encouraged Council to repeal the truck ordinance and reexamine codes again if an issue arises.

Randy Kelly commended Christenson on his presentation and encouraged Council to repeal the truck route. He feels that Main Street is too narrow for trucks to turn onto and agreed with Kirk that "No Truck Turn" signs would be appropriate. Kelly has taken note that many of the clients he serves in his accounting business are purchasing products and services out of town rather than from local businesses. He encouraged everyone to support and promote local business and to work to bring in new businesses.

Jeff Miller thanked the Council and Staff for the assistance he received with an issue he mentioned at a previous meeting. The issue has been resolved.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Kern made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 4: Items of Business

A. Discuss results of Davis Park Community Meeting held on January 13th.

Truelove presented Council with the results of the Davis Park Community Meeting held January 13th and facilitated by PEC. PEC polled students of the Junior High and High School earlier in the day and the community at large that evening on Davis Park pool and park space allocation concepts. Polling results show a general level of support for the general layout of the park concept. Truelove proposed sharing the results with KDOT, specifically on Phase I and the pool, when he and the Mayor travel to Topeka tomorrow. Truelove advised that there will be additional community meetings as the project progresses and the City's partnership with KDOT is solidified. Christenson requested that the polling results be made available on the City's website.

B. Discussion on Ordinance 1036, Truck Route Ordinance, and the community meeting held on January 16th.

Truelove briefed Council on the community meeting on the truck route, hosted at City Hall on January 16th. Truelove sent 24 personal invites and encouraged those invited to invite others. Twenty-six surveys were returned. Results reflected a strong support to add all additionally suggested streets to the route or to rescind the ordinance. Those invited to participate included patrons of the agriculture community, business community, Senior Center, and Oakview Townhomes. Staff recommended Council either amend the truck route, to include a southern route and access to downtown and Greensburg Farm Supply, or rescind the Ordinance. Jungemann made a motion to direct Administration and the City Attorney to draw up paperwork to rescind Ordinance 1036. Kern seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Christenson acknowledged he continues to have concerns over safety and street maintenance but feels that issues will have to be addressed as they arise, rather than enforcing the current truck route.

Item 5: City Attorney's Report

There was no report from the City Attorney.

Item 6: Executive Session

City Attorney Gordon Stull requested executive session for attorney/client for 15 minutes. Christenson made a motion to go into executive session until 7:00 p.m. Goodman seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Item 7: Adjournment

Council returned to open session at 7:00 p.m. Dixon reminded the Council of the City's vision statement and encouraged everyone to stay positive. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk

APPROVED