

**Greensburg City Council  
August 4, 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 August 4, 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the invocation given by Dixon. Council present: Mark Trummel, Matt Christenson, Haley Kern, and Rick Schaffer. Sandy Jungemann was absent.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

City Administrator Ed Truelove requested that item 4C, purchase of a street sweeper through a USDA EII Grant, be added to the agenda. Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Mayor's Report**

There was no report from the Mayor.

**Council Member's Report**

There was no report from Council.

**City Administrator Comments**

City Administrator Ed Truelove briefed Council on the following topics:

- Staff continues to work on two separate policy changes, for the Personnel Policy Handbook; Medicare policy and an On-Call policy.

**Item 2: Public Comment**

Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments from the public.

**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. Conduct the duly advertised 2015 Budget hearing and approve the 2015 Budget.**

Dixon called to order the duly advertised hearing on the 2015 Budget. Truelove noted that Council had been provided with a copy of the Notice of Hearing and the Budget Certificate, which must be signed by the Council upon adoption of the budget. Truelove advised that the City Auditor had reviewed the proposed budget. Of note, the balanced budget allows for the 2015 mil levy to remain relatively flat. A flat mil levy creates a tight budget in 2015. Council may need to review the mil levy in 2016 budget discussions, to allow for equipment needed for staff to perform their duties. Dixon noted that the assessed valuation was down, which affects taxes collected and the mil levy, and commended Staff in their efforts to keep the mil levy stable.

With no comments from the public, Dixon closed the hearing at 6:10 p.m. Trummel made a motion to approve the 2015 budget as presented. Kern seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**B. Approve a design layout for the new City pool.**

Truelove presented Council with the Power Point shown at the public hearing regarding pool design, held July 30<sup>th</sup>. The presentation included 3 design alternatives. The largest layout was for 5,500 s.f., with virtually no amenities. Alternative 2 is 4,400 s.f. and offers several amenities, including a diving board, slide, spray feature, and water features. Alternative 3 is 4,000 s.f. with a float walk, slide, diving board, tot slide, spray feature, and water features. Truelove then presented the results of the public vote taken during the public hearing. Alternative 2 received a significant number of the votes. Staff has discussed some items that could be changed about the plan, such as the orientation of the slide and diving board.

A discussion between Council and those in attendance commenced. The question of how many lap lanes would be needed to facilitate a swim competition had come up several times. Truelove has been advised that a minimum of 6-8 lanes is needed to host an event, and none of the alternatives are large enough to accommodate that many lanes. Doug Ulrich voiced that it may be difficult, with other summer rec. programs, to develop enough interest to have a swim team. He does not feel that the number of lanes available should be considered when determining what size of pool should be built. Trummel felt that the City should rely more on amenities to attract economic development than the number of lap lanes available.

Kern stated that she had recently visited pool facilities in Pratt, Hays, Great Bend and Coldwater. Though Pratt offers a large pool, there are few amenities and her children found it to be less enjoyable than the other facilities. In Hays and Great Bend, Kern observed that the large pool areas were not heavily used, most patrons were utilizing the splash and zero depth entry areas. Her children chose visiting the smaller Coldwater pool over Pratt because of the amenities offered.

Paul Lewis questioned the town's ability to support a pool in 5-10 years. Dixon spoke on planning for the next 50 years and taking the time to plan the pool "right", with only one opportunity to do so. Schaffer questioned how many of those who attended the public meeting would actually utilize the pool facility.

Some citizens would prefer the largest pool the City can afford. They feel that amenities can be added later. Missy Cannon pointed out that Alternative 1 was not deep enough that a diving board could be added at a later date.

A brief discussion on pool shape began. Dixon pointed out that the layouts were basically the same shape, just different sizes. Ulrich feels that the layout shown was designed to reduce the number of required lifeguards, thus reducing operating costs.

Christenson questioned the cost of each body of water, information not yet available from the architect. Jason Culbertson questioned maintenance costs, noting that those costs contribute to the sustainability of the project. Culbertson also asked about the architects comments regarding the possibility of putting discharge water into a cistern and utilizing it to irrigate landscape.

With a window of opportunity to continue discussion and remain in the project time schedule, Christenson made a motion to table the decision on pool design until the next Council meeting. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**C. Consider the purchase of a street sweeper through a USDA EII Grant.**

Truelove verified that Staff has submitted 4 bids from 3 companies to USDA for street sweepers. A copy of the bids was given to Council. The City is approved for a \$200,000, 60/40 project. USDA will fund up to \$120,000. Truelove pointed out that the “demo discount” listed on the Elgin machine should actually say “Municipal Discount”, as this is a brand new machine. Public Works prefers the Ravo machine. A reduced priced demo machine is available to the City for \$180,000. The demo has only 40 hours logged. Truelove explained that Public Works prefers the machine for a variety of reasons: air vac system vs. a brush/conveyor belt system, which left no visible residue on the street; lower operation costs (no main pickup broom saving \$300 per month, gutter broom life of 100 hours rather than 60 hours, fuel savings of ½ that of the other models, and fewer grease inserts); larger hopper capacity leading to less time wasted dumping the hopper; and the vacuum tube attachment can clean out storm drains and wash bays. The sales rep is also willing to give the City brand new brooms, in addition to those already on the machine. The demo unit is offered with the same warranty as the new machine. Truelove prefers to see the City’s portion of the purchase, \$72,000, be split between reserves and the equipment reserve fund.

Christenson made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ravo demo sweeper. Kern seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**Item 5: City Attorney’s Report**

There was no report from the City Attorney.

**Item 6: Executive Session**

There was no need for executive session.

**Item 7: Adjournment**

Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Robert A. Dixson, Mayor

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Christy Pyatt, City Clerk