

Greensburg City Council
August 3, 2015
CITY HALL

Item 1: Opening Session**Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call**

Councilwoman Haley Kern called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was taken. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Schaffer, and Haley Kern. Mayor Bob Dixson was absent.

Addition/Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mayor's Report

There was no report from the Mayor.

Council Member's Report

There were no reports from Council Members.

Administrator's Report

Interim City Administrator Jay Newton advised Council on the following topics:

- Tonight is Newton's last official meeting, though he does plan to attend the August 17th meeting where Council will be receiving a report from the auditor and asked to approve the 2016 budget. Newton explained that he has created a more in depth budget than that required by the state. A copy of that budget was handed out. Department heads will be able to utilize this document to better manage their individual budgets.
- Newton handed out a memo on the status of the airport project, in relation to the KDOT Aviation grant that was applied for. Greensburg was not the recipient of the grant this year. Staff and the Mayor will be meeting with the City's airport engineers, Lochner, to discuss moving forward. Included in the prepared memo were the balances of money remaining in previously awarded grants. Council was encouraged to adamantly pursue moving the project forward and use a more politically aggressive approach when applying for grant funds next year.
- A schedule for the pool, following the start of school, was handed out. Hours will be posted on the City social media sites. Newton stated that there has been some confusion in administration of the pool this first season.
- A document from the League of Kansas Municipalities describing legislative changes that will affect Kansas municipalities was distributed.

Item 2: Public Comment

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

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Christenson pointed out that his name was misspelled in the July 20, 2015 minutes. Jungemann made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the requested spelling changes. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 4: Items of Business**A. Receive Rod Craft, Southern Plains Co-op, for an update on the co-op and further discussion on city property located in the 300 block of E. Ohio Ave.**

Rod Craft, Southern Plains Co-op, was unable to attend the meeting due to his seat on the Kinsley City Council, which was also holding a meeting tonight. Newton reminded Council that Southern Plains is interested in discussing the purchase of City property located in the 300 block of E. Ohio Ave. The co-op will need to conduct an environmental study before a final decision on purchase can be made. Newton recommended selling the property to Southern Plains for \$1. The property is not currently being used and Southern Plains has begun cleaning up the property, at their cost. Newton sees the expansion of the co-op as an economic development asset to the City. Craft has advised Newton that three (3) local co-ops, including Southern Plains, recently voted to form an LLC with a single operating board. They will be working to move forward with future planning.

Christenson asked if the City would be required to offer the property at fair market value. City Attorney Gordon Stull advised that the City should publish its intent to sell the property. Newton clarified that this property is not part of the Land Bank. Newton advised that Southern Plains has already spent several thousand dollars on clean-up. Should contamination be found during the environmental study, remediation will bring additional cost. Trummel voiced that he feels the property is worth more than \$1 and that the co-op has proceeded with clean-up, prior to purchase approval, on their own. Christenson agreed that the property should be sold for a reasonable price, whatever that is determined to be, as the City has no plans for utilizing the property.

Newton advised that Craft will be returning to Council with additional information on the organization and to further discuss the property purchase.

Item 5: City Attorney's Report

Stull advised that the deeds for the Clorene Smith and McLaughlin properties, donated to the land bank, have been filed with the Register of Deeds. He is working to get the deeds for the Peters and Hardinger properties signed and filed.

Item 6: Executive Session

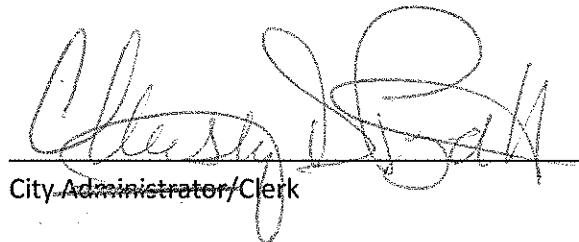
There was no need for executive session.

Item 7: Adjournment

Kern thanked Newton for his service to the City and work on the budget. Kern declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



Robert A. Dixon, Mayor



City Administrator/Clerk