

Greensburg City Council
April 17, 2017
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 17, 2017.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the invocation given by Pastor Terry Mayhew.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Rick Schaffer, Haley Kern, and Sandra Jungemann. Trummel made a motion, seconded by Kern, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Dixon opened the floor for citizen comments.

E) CONSENT AGENDA

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Kern, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS**1. KPP Contract- Mark Chesney**

City Administrator Kyler Ludwig introduced Mark Chesney from Kansas Power Pool (KPP). Chesney briefly reviewed the state of KPP and expressed his desire to answer any questions about the proposed Power Purchase Contract. He stated that we have been working on this change since September, and currently have 16 of the 24 members signed on to the new contract.

In responding to questions posed by Council and the City Attorney at the last meeting Chesney said that the City's debt limits will not be impacted when KPP takes on Projects. Chesney also addressed the question from council about what consent from the City is needed before KPP can issue bonds. He stated that a Project I is a City project that both KPP and the City of Greensburg need to agree to, but a KPP project –like a new transmission line or power plant owned by the pool- is approved by the Board of Directors. Chesney explained that in a pool everyone pays the same amount for resources, and we can not give certain cities the ability to pick and choose which projects they support.

Stull stated that he did not have concerns about the length of the term, but he was concerned about the new language about Projects.

Council Member Christenson asked what say the City has in future KPP projects. Chesney stated that all KPP bond decisions are made by the Board of Directors. Ludwig expressed even though the City does not currently have a seat on the executive board if the Administrator is active and engaged the City has a good amount of influence in the decisions that are made by the KPP. Ludwig stated that Greensburg is not a small City in KPP, and he felt that the Pool has done an excellent job serving the City's needs.

Mayor Dixon said that he wants to make sure the contract is clear for future Councils.

Stull stated that this really is a business question as to how the City wants to move forward. He said that he would recommend the council ask the City Administrator for a recommendation. Ludwig stated that he feels

KPP is the City's best option going forward for the next 40 years. He said that with a power pool the City will have more influence in rate setting and in project decisions then we will if we decide to buy from a wholesale provider. Ludwig said he would recommend moving forward with the contract changes in the Power Purchase Agreement.

Stull requested a letter to clarify the term project. He wanted a better explanation about what a KPP project was versus a Project I. Chesney said he would work with KPP's counsel J.T. Klaus to have a letter sent this week.

Christenson said he is comfortable, but is looking for the City Attorney to be comfortable with the proposed changes.

2. Quarterly Financials

Ludwig presented the following first quarter financials:

First Quarter Financials - 2017

	Budget	Expenditures YTD	Percent Expended	Revenues YTD	Cash Balance
Administration	\$304,953.00	\$45,110.14	14.79%		
Police	\$71,515.00	\$13,016.97	18.20%		
Fire	\$20,000.00	\$2,010.30	10.05%		
Streets	\$230,720.00	\$33,515.77	14.53%		
Parks	\$15,975.00	\$482.03	3.02%		
Court	\$15,000.00	\$112.50	0.75%		
Pool	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
Airport	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
Industrial Park	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
General Fund Total	\$740,663.00	\$94,247.71	12.72%	\$340,129.06	\$402,828.14
Special Highway	\$172,901.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$5,386.73	\$152,402.35
Big Well	\$258,664.00	\$45,128.78	17.45%	\$39,892.28	\$338,622.29
Fire Equipment	\$70,658.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$69,511.40
Guest Tax	\$94,099.00	\$11,169.63	11.87%	\$17,100.32	\$130,615.35
Capital Improvement	\$227,504.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$20,004.96	\$158,984.02
Incubator	\$46,364.00	\$5,709.35	12.31%	\$7,405.35	\$175,164.79
Special Alcohol	\$2,402.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$1,509.41	\$4,865.75
Electric	\$1,650,238.00	\$422,915.50	25.63%	\$419,955.20	\$920,492.75
Water	\$250,871.00	\$49,856.42	19.87%	\$43,832.25	\$289,302.01
Sewer	\$67,436.00	\$10,751.17	15.94%	\$17,354.29	\$69,479.98
Trash	\$123,500.00	\$19,873.36	16.09%	\$30,073.44	\$158,134.28

3. Quarterly Performance Measures

Ludwig presented on the first quarter performance measures of City departments. The first quarter numbers from 2017 were compared to the first quarter of 2016.

4. Pool Hours Discussion

Ludwig presented numbers of attendance and revenues from the City's pool during 2016. In September of 2016 the Council discussed the possibility of closing the pool one day a week. Ludwig said that this may become a need because of staffing challenges at the pool. He recommended based on the attendance and revenues that the City close the pool on Sundays.

Jungemann said she did not want to close the pool. Kern said she would feel more comfortable closing the pool on Mondays. Trummel felt that the decision to close the pool should not be based on financials.

Ludwig said that he would be meeting with the pool manager and they will be working to hire new guards this year. The council consensus was that if any changes are made to close they would want to close on Monday over Sunday, and they are interested in having extended hours on Sunday to see if that helps bring more families out to the pool. No motion was made, and Mayor Dixson stated that a change in pool hours is an administrative decision.

5. Tree Purchase

Ludwig presented pricing from two companies on trees to be placed in the City's Pool Park. Ludwig stated that the City has access to a grant that will help pay for these trees, and the City will be reimbursed for the costs of this project.

Christenson made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to spend up to \$10,000 on the purchase of trees for the City Pool Park. Schaffer seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

H) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Gordon Stull did not have anything to report.

I) CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ludwig discussed the following topics:

Water Treatment Plant: A few of the PVC pipes have cracked, and City staff is working with Layne to get a quote for their replacement. We anticipate the work will be done before the next council meeting.

Community Clean-up Day: April 29th will be the community clean up day. Residents will be able to place large bulk items out for pick up.

City Council Elections: The seats currently held by Christenson, Kern, and Schaffer are up for election this year. The filing deadline is June 1st at noon. Anyone interested in running for council can file at the County Courthouse with the Clerk.

Kansas Municipal Utilities Board: Ludwig has been recommended to serve on the KMU Board. The formal nomination will take place at the annual meeting in May. This is a four year term, and includes quarterly meetings at the new training facility.

Big Kansas Road Trip: We received a notice from the Kansas Sampler Foundation that Kiowa County was selected to be part of the 2018 "Big Kansas Road Trip". This is intended to draw in visitors from across the state to Comanche, Barber, and Kiowa County. Council was given a letter from Marci Penner describing the upcoming event.

Ashland Donation: The Ashland Community Foundation sent a thank you to the City for the donation to the Fire Relief Fund.

Power-Ups: On Thursday April 20th the Power-ups will be volunteering at the Big Well. They are going to be pulling weeds near the memorial in preparation for the 10th Anniversary.

Kiowa County Signal: The Kiowa County Signal will be changing from a stand-alone paper to a wrap which will come with the Pratt Tribune this week. Jeff Guy's position will not be filled, and the Pratt Tribune has asked that we supply them with unapproved minutes for the paper.

J) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mayor Dixon presented a proclamation from the City of Joplin congratulating the City of Greensburg on 10 years of rebuilding. Mayor Dixon said that he would like to send a similar proclamation to the City of Joplin when they reach their 10 year anniversary.

K) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing additional to come before the Council, Dixon declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Robert A. Dixon, Mayor



Christy Pyatt, City Clerk