

**Greensburg City Council  
October 1, 2018  
City Hall**

**A) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robert Dixson called the October 1, 2018 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Dixson.

**C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Pam Reves, Haley Kern, and Sandy Jungemann. Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Christenson and passed 5-0.

**D) CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from citizens.

**E) CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS****1. Discuss a request for funding assistance from PAC for the Aurora sculpture and additional landscaping to be placed at Starlight Park.**

At the last Council meeting, Judi Kirk presented a request from PAC for funding assistance to purchase the Aurora sculpture by artist Rollin Karg and to do additional landscaping to the Starlight Park. Council tabled the discussion until tonight's meeting.

Kern voiced that she felt the Council needed to back PAC, to finish the commitment that they made. Christenson felt that the general consensus of the Council was to assist with the cost of the final project and suggested a \$4,000 donation. Council briefly discussed which fund to make the donation from. Trummel concurred, reiterating that PAC will need to do additional fundraising for the remainder of the costs. Kern made a motion to donate \$4,000 to PAC for the Aurora project, with funds coming from donations made to the City following the 2007 disaster. Christenson seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**2. Consider approval of an engagement letter with Kennedy, McKee & Co. to audit 2018 City of Greensburg revenues and expenditures.**

At the last Council meeting, Jim Kennedy of Kennedy, McKee & Co., submitted for Council's consideration a letter of engagement to audit the City's 2018 finances. Reves made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the letter of engagement as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

**3. Consider Ordinance 1082 establishing City of Greensburg water utility rates effective from January 1, 2019.**

Interim City Administrator Jay Newton presented for Council's consideration Ordinance 1082, which reflects rates for the sale of water to all consumers of the City of Greensburg beginning January 1, 2019, establishes a policy for water leaks on private property, and establishes a rate for the purchase of bulk water from the City. The Ordinance provides for increases over the course of five years, as recommended by Christenson at the last meeting. Newton pointed out the low impact the increases would have on City residents each year, while meeting a long term need for increased revenue in the Water Department. The Ordinance was submitted to the City Attorney for review, with no changes being requested. Trummel asked about the comparison of the proposed rates to those of other cities, to which Newton replied that

Greensburg would still be on the softer side of rates in other communities. Christenson confirmed that the Ordinance allows future increases to be made by Resolution. Reves noted that she appreciates not having to discuss the issue each year. Christenson hopes to see the fund stabilize by the end of five years, without the need for additional increases.

Kern made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Jungemann seconded. Dixon called for a roll call vote. Christenson: yes, Trummel: yes; Jungemann: yes; Reves: yes; Kern: yes. The Motion passed 5-0.

**4. Consider authorizing the purchase of a commercial lawn mower for the Public Works Department.**

Newton asked Council to defer discussion on this agenda item, requesting a continuance to the next Council meeting. Christenson made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to continue discussion of the purchase of a commercial lawn mower for the Public Works Department until the next regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**5. Discuss joining other government entities in signing a letter to the Secretary of Interior pertaining to ground water rights.**

Dixon was contacted by the Economic Development Director of Stafford County, regarding an ongoing dispute over the method of providing additional water to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service filed a claim in 2013 to the Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Water Resources that the water flowing into the Refuge from Rattlesnake Creek (Rattlesnake Basin) has been negatively impacted by irrigation. A letter has been composed and approved by other area agencies that proposes the drilling of wells at the refuge without taking rights from farmers.

Upon receiving his meeting packet, Christenson researched the topic further. Since 2013 a number of proposals have been suggested, each being denied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dixon was advised that previous recommendations were denied by the Denver office. The current proposal would be sent directly to the Department of the Interior, asking The Honorable Ryan Zinke for his consideration of the resolution. Dixon stated that the Refuge is not in the Ogallala Aquifer. Water is being piped out of the Rattlesnake Basin. Those who have signed the proposal believe that a reallocation of water rights would be catastrophic to the local economy. Christenson would like clarification on which proposal Council would be supporting, as he says that there have been a number of solutions proposed over the past 5 years. Kern recommended the group requesting support be allowed to present to Council if they would like.

**G) CITY STAFF REPORTS**

Newton reported on the following items:

- **Swimming Pool Park Shelter House**

A proposal for a shelter house to be constructed at the swimming pool park will be on the next meeting agenda. In the course of looking for funding options, Newton examined legal documents supporting certain City funds. 20 years ago, the City entered into an agreement with the County regarding the construction of a landfill. The agreement required the City to accumulate up to \$100,000 in a fund, to assist with landfill closer costs. Newton stated that the City is not required to keep the money in the fund past 20 years, and is free to utilize the funds appropriately. Newton will recommend utilizing these funds to construct the shelter house. Christenson believes that the funds are required to be set aside to assist with closure costs of the landfill, as do the County Commissioners. Newton is willing to discuss the document with the County Attorney.

- **Lochner – Greensburg Airport Development**

Newton and City Clerk Christy Pyatt had a phone conference with Lochner regarding the future opening of the new airport and additional grant applications that are being made for continued development. KDOT has notified the City that they are extending the current application period thru October 31<sup>st</sup> and allowing amendments to those applications that have already been submitted. KDOT Aviation has a new

director who is interested in economic development potential created by airports applying for funds. Lochner will review the current applications (2), make suggested changes, and return the application to Council for approval at the next meeting. The current grant has funds remaining after RJA's completion of over seeding. Lochner will explore the possibilities of utilizing those funds for additional infrastructural improvements that will be needed. Trummel discussed updating parties interested in locating at the new airport about the planned opening date of April 1, 2019 and additional construction that is planned. Pyatt noted that Lochner was contacted by the state FAA project planner, regarding the City's project and what we need to do next to start applying for 2020 FAA funds. Lochner will also begin assisting the City with creating a set of basic business practices for the airport.

- **Building Controls**

BCS has notified the City that the software used to control mechanical systems at City Hall, the Incubator, and Public Works will no longer be supported by the software provider as of today. Staff has explored the option of combining software systems with the school and county. Unfortunately, this is something that the other entities are no longer interested in because each entity would still have to purchase a software package. The quote for the City's package was just over \$21,000. The City will also need to purchase a new server. Council asked if the City should consider a different provider. Christenson explained that unless they can find another firm that is an authorized dealer, in our area, for our software, all controller boards would have to be replaced, which could possibly be an additional \$200,000. Newton suggested investigating converting the systems to conventional controls that would still allow the use of the current groundwater internal system. Christenson explained that the potential of having to purchase a software package again would be slim. The new software service model package offered requires a monthly fee, which allows the user to always have the latest version of the software. Newton suggested consulting with PEC, to examine a long term solution. Christenson advised that the School and County have already approved purchasing the upgraded software.

#### **H) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS.**

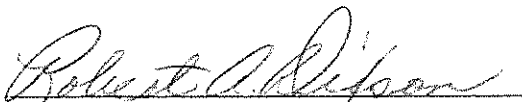
Christenson advised that the City's fiber internet appears to be working great; however, the name assigned to the WiFi connection is misspelled.

Kern asked about the pumping of water out of the sewer lagoon that was mentioned at the last meeting. Newton reported that the process is ongoing. Once low enough, the lagoon walls will be examined for structural issues.

Jungemann reported that she had made contact with the County Commissioners, regarding the big ditch on East Grant. They have made the determination that the ditch is the city's responsibility, stating that there is an agreement between the County and the City that says that once the ditch was constructed the City would maintain it. Newton will investigate the matter further.

#### **D) ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional items to be addressed, Dixon declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

  
Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

  
Christy Pyatt, City Clerk