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Greensburg City Council
October 7, 2013
City Hall

Item 1: Opening Session
Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call
Mayor Robert Dixson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 7, 2013. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Tony Factor gave the invocation. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Haley Kern, and Sandra Jungemann. Erica Goodman was absent.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kern seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor’s Report
Dixson introduced and welcomed Franklin Ruff, the new Pastor at the First Baptist Church.

Council Member’s Report
There were no reports from the Council.

City Administrator Comments
City Administrator Ed Truelove briefed Council on the following topics:
A. On Friday, September 27th, Truelove attended a retirement dinner for Dr. Ed Flentje, WSU/Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs professor, to recognize his 30 years of public service.
B. This coming Wednesday representatives from PEC will meet with the Davis Park Relocation Advisory Committee to obtain the committee’s advice on park features and amenities, with a goal of presenting proposed drawings to the community to further the park project. Council will then be presented with a park proposal to approve for KDOT.
C. The Business Park demolition is underway. All of the cement pads have been removed and work has begun to remove asphalt drives.

Item 2: Public Comment
Clair Banta, Fairview Cemetery Board Member, questioned the City’s contribution of water to the golf course and asked that a similar arrangement be made with the Cemetery. The Board recently acquired additional property and has planted several trees that border the property. Banta would like to see the Cemetery’s water be provided free of charge by the City. He requested a letter with the Council’s decision be mailed to him.

Item 3: Consent Agenda
Jungemann made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trummel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Item 4: Items of Business
A) Consider a lease agreement renewal with Brehm Signs for the Convention and Tourism billboard located east of Pratt.
The Convention and Tourism Committee has approved the renewal of the lease between the City of Greensburg and Brehm Signs for a billboard located east of Pratt. The document presented calls for a five (5) year lease, with the price being the same as it has been the past 5 years. City Attorney Gordon Stull questioned whether or not the Hwy 54 project at Pratt would cause the sign to become obsolete. Kern stated that Stacy Barnes, Tourism Director, had looked into that possibility. Kern and Dixson reported to Council that they have been assured that the sign will not have to be relocated due to highway construction. Trummel made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

B) Consider the re-appointment of Ruth Ann Wedel to the Convention and Tourism Board for a term ending December 31st, 2014.
During the September 16th Council Meeting, Council accepted the resignation of Ruth Ann Wedel from the Convention and Tourism Committee. The resignation was based on the establishment of by-laws for the
Committee, specifically the attendance policy. Wedel is asking that Council consider re-appointing her to the Convention and Tourism Committee to complete her unexpired term, ending December 31, 2014. Truelove recommended reappointment with the new attendance by-laws in place and effective 61 days after their publication. Kern advised that she has spoken with Wedel and two other Committee members, sharing her concerns over Wedel’s previous attendance record. Kern would be more comfortable making a recommendation to Council if the Committee was allowed to discuss it at their meeting on October 8th. The new by-laws allow the Committee to reduce the numbers of members who serve on the Committee. This may be something they would like to consider due to the difficulty they have experienced in filling those positions. With Trummel and Jungemann concurring, Kern made a motion to table the reappointment of Ruth Ann Wedel until after the October 8th Convention and Tourism Board meeting. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

C) Consider Resolution 2013-12, which extends current term limits of the Convention and Tourism Committee one year.
Christenson made a motion, seconded by Kern to approve Resolution 2013-12 which extends current term limits of the Convention and Tourism Committee by one year. Motion passed 4-0. A discrepancy in the Resolution number in the packet and on the agenda was pointed out. Christenson made a motion to rescind the previous vote. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Christenson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented with the number in sequence. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

D) Consider an electrical project agreement and easement agreement between the City of Greensburg and Gamble Farms/Ki Gamble.
As they requested at the previous meeting, Council was presented with a Memorandum of Understanding and an Easement Agreement between the City of Greensburg and Ki and Kim Gamble. Both documents are for an electrical line project located on 30th Avenue. Utilities Superintendent Mick Kendall was in attendance to answer any additional questions the Council may have. With no additional questions, Jungemann made a motion to accept both the Memorandum of Understanding and the Easement Agreement as presented. Kern seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

E) Consider Ordinance 1047, vacating a portion of North Walnut Street between Ohio Avenue and the northern right-of-way of the Union Pacific Railroad and the alleys situated in Blocks 22 and 23 platted in the Original Town Plat of the City of Greensburg, retaining the rights-of-way for utility easements.
Truelove advised that Southern Plains Co-op (SPC) has made application for the vacation of a portion of North Walnut Street between Ohio Avenue and the northern right-of-way of the Union Pacific Railroad; as well as the alleys in Blocks 22 and 23 platted in the Original Town Plat of the City of Greensburg. SPC owns property on both sides of North Walnut Street. These vacations would allow for a continuous use of their property located west of the grain elevators. A public hearing on the application was held by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the application with the City retaining the rights-of-way for utility easements. Rod Craft, SPC Branch Manager, was available for questions. Trummel made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to approve Ordinance 1047. Roll Call vote: Christenson: yes; Trummel: yes; Jungemann: yes; Goodman: absent; Kern: yes. Motion passed 5-0 (4 yes, 1 abstention).

Item 5: City Attorney’s Report
There was no report from the City Attorney.

Item 6: Executive Session
There was no need Executive Session.

Item 7: Adjournment
Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.