Greensburg City Council
April 1, 2013
CITY HALL

Item 1: Opening Session
Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call
Mayor Bob Dixson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2013. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the invocation given by Dixson. Roll call was taken. Council present: Mark Trummel, Matt Christenson, Erica Goodman, Haley Kern and Sandra Jungemann.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
Trummel made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor’s Report
Dixson advised that he will be out of town during the April 15, 2013 Council Meeting. Representatives from Kansas Blue Cross Blue Shield and Kansas Parks and Recreation will be present on May 6th to formally present the Blue Chip Award to the City.

Council Member’s Report
There was no report from Council.

City Administrator Comments
City Administrator Ed Truelove advised Council of Greensburg GreenTown’s weed initiative for earth week. The City has been asked to assist with the pickup of collected weeds left at city curbs during that week. Also, Council was provided with a copy of the March Big Well sales and Police Department reports. Chief Alvarez has received the new police Department patch and provided one for each Council Member.

Goodman asked if City Staff would be weeding the downtown planter boxes as well and asked if it was the responsibility of Staff or business owners to keep the planters free of debris. Truelove advised that these were City Staff responsibilities and that he would be addressing them at tomorrow’s department head meeting.

Item 2: Public Comment
Dixson welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Item 3: Consent Agenda
Christenson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 4: Items of Business
A) Receive Allan Birney, Midwest Computer Solutions, and consider a proposal to upgrade the current server hardware, virtualizing the network, and billable time involved with installing and updating the hardware/software.
Allan Birney, Midwest Computer Solutions, went over the server upgrade quote provided in the Council Packet. The system will increase the processing speed for City Hall software. The quote includes 4 commercial grade hard drives. Birney confirmed that the quoted price of $6,190 included installation
costs. Staff supports the current quote. After a brief discussion between Birney and Christenson regarding current hard drive utilization and the potential of the quoted server, Christenson made a motion to approve the proposed system as quoted. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

B) Receive Jeanine Hassiepen to discuss and consider alternate deductibles for the City’s EMC Insurance.
Jeanine Hassiepen, People’s Insurance, presented additional deductible/premium information requested at the last Council meeting. Since 2008 the city has had 6 insurance claims, not all of which were paid on because they were less than the $1,000 deductible. Hassiepen reported that raising the current deductible to $3,000 would save the city $927/year, and raising it to $5,000 would save $1,855/year. Hassiepen and Administration recommended leaving the deductible at $1,000 due to the low number of paid claims at the current deductible and the low amount of savings in comparison with the amount of deductible increase. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the City insurance deductible with EMC at $1,000.

C) Receive Chief Alvarez, requesting City sponsorship of Kansas Work Force One in the City of Greensburg.
Chief Alvarez has been contacted by Kansas Work Force One. They would like to reinstate their program in Kiowa County and need a sponsor. If approved, Alvarez would be the sponsor under the City of Greensburg. Employees of the program could receive a maximum of 350 hours at minimum wage. Work Force would be the employer and would also provide insurance coverage and a bond for individuals. A majority of employees would be from Kiowa County, but some may be from out of town and owe money to the County. Alvarez has already been contacted by the Rec. Center and gave several examples of areas that Work Force could be utilized: City-paint the dog kennel and provide summer help for Public Works; Boy Scouts – mowing and trimming; Golf Course – mowing & trimming; School – summer help. Immediate supervision would be mixed between Alvarez and the supervisor of the organization for which work is being completed. The Sponsor is a volunteer position for both the City and County. Responsibilities include organizing worksite locations and approving hours worked. Kern made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to approve Alvarez as the local Kansas Work Force One Sponsor through the City of Greensburg. Motion passed 5-0.

D) Consider a contract proposal from Planning and Zoning Consultant Michael Gurnee.
Truelove presented a contract proposal from Planning and Zoning Consultant Michael Gurnee. Gurnee has been working with Staff without a formal contract. He requested a pay increase with hours not to exceed 60 hours per quarter year. Technical assistance to Staff involving less than ½ hour time via phone/e-mail will not be invoiced unless part of a larger task. Truelove noted Gurnee’s extensive resume and knowledge, as well as his current working relationship with Staff. The proposed contract can be terminated by either party upon 30 days notice. Staff supports the contract as proposed for the near term future. City Attorney Gordon Stull approved of the contract but asked if Gurnee would be considered an independent contractor with his own insurance and bonding or if he would be considered a part-time employee. Truelove will inquire about insurance and bonding and stated that if Gurnee
does not have them he could offer the contract as a part-time employee. Trummel made a motion to approve the contract as proposed. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

E) Consider Ordinance 1036, defining truck routes within the City of Greensburg.
Truelove explained that, following discussion at the last Council Meeting, additional streets surrounding Kwik Shop and Mikey’s have been added to the proposed truck routes. Public Works Superintendent Mike Hayes has concerns about street maintenance around Mikey’s. Staff is looking at options and will present those at a later date. Trummel stressed the importance of clearly marked truck route signage and educating the public. He suggested that the newspaper do an article on the topic. Southern Plains Co-op has expressed interest in helping to educate local drivers. Stull recommended that the full ordinance be published rather than just the required summary. The full ordinance and a sketch map of the routes will be available on the City website. Jungemann made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to approve Ordinance 1036 as presented. Roll call vote: Christenson – yes; Trummel – yes; Jungemann – yes; Goodman – yes; Kern – yes. Motion passed 5-0. Staff will examine current city code regarding truck parking on city streets.

F) Discuss possible amendments to the Animal Control Code.
Stull presented copies of the animal control code with possible changes noted. Stull will send an easier to read, red lined copy to Staff to disperse. Stull briefly noted significant changes including the removal of stock yards from the code and combining the dog and cat sections. He will also add the requirement that the City Clerk advertise yearly the need for animal registration. Council was asked to review the document and make suggestions of additional changes they would like to see.

G) Consider the reappointments of Shawn Cannon and Travis Barnes to the Greensburg Planning Commission for terms ending April 30, 2015.
Goodman made a motion to reappoint Shawn Cannon and Travis Barnes to the Greensburg Planning Commission for terms ending April 30, 2015. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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 7:00 p.m.