

**Greensburg City Council
May 20, 2013
CITY HALL**

Item 1: Opening Session

Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call

Mark Trummel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 20, 2013. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the invocation given by Pastor Terry Mayhew. Roll call was taken. Mayor Bob Dixson was absent. Council present: Mark Trummel, Matt Christenson, Sandra Jungemann, Erica Goodman, and Haley Kern.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Christenson made a motion, seconded by Goodman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0, 4 yes and 1 abstaining (Trummel).

Mayor's Report

There was no report from the Mayor.

Council Member's Report

There was no report from Council.

City Administrator Comments

City Administrator Ed Truelove advised Council that a copy of the latest edition of the Governing Body Handbook, published by the League of Kansas Municipalities, has been provided for each Council Member. Truelove has discussed the upcoming Hwy 54 resurfacing project with area engineer Scott Mullen. KDOT plans to begin the project immediately after Memorial Day. There will be a kick-off construction meeting with City Staff prior to construction commencing. KDOT continues to plan for the city portion of the project to take 2 days. Truelove also advised that he had attended the KMEA Conference and KPP dinner last week. Greensburg is one of the Cities featured on the cover of their annual update.

Trummel asked Truelove where Staff was at with identifying and abating open basements. Staff has noted the location of several properties that need abatement and has begun the process of identifying the property owners. Staff plans to attempt to work with owners to rectify the code violations prior to starting a formal abatement process. Trummel also asked if a diagram of the truck route has been placed in the newspaper. Truelove stated that the diagram had not been in the paper but that it was given to the co-op to display. City crews are working on getting signage for the route. Staff will get a copy of the truck route diagram to the newspaper.

Item 2: Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Jungemann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0, 4 yes and 1 abstaining (Trummel).

Item 4: Items of Business

A) Consider a request from Patrick Clement, YRP Films, for two months donated space in the SunChips Business Incubator, to be used for a local film production.

Included in the meeting packet was a written request from Patrick Clement, YRP Films, requesting 2 months free rent in the Business Incubator during the production of a 20-minute narrative short film being shot in and around Greensburg. Truelove stated that there are currently 2 open spaces in the Incubator. He has had 2 companies show interest in these spaces, though neither have confirmed their intent to lease. Clement was available to give a brief description of the film, his operating budget, projected economic impact, and his request. Clement plans to

promote the film at film festivals, but would like to have it shown in the Twilight Theatre as well. In exchange for free rent, the City would be given a dedicated credit on the film credit screen. The City will also be listed as a filming location in all press and promotional materials.

Trummel voiced that he did not feel the request was fair to current or future tenants who are required to pay rent. Goodman feels that it is an incentive for a company, similar to what would be offered to a party interested in locating in the business park. Christenson made a motion to enter into a lease agreement with YRP Films at half of the standard rental for the months of June and July. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 5-0, 4 yes and 1 abstaining (Trummel).

B) Authorize the City Administrator to sign letters to airport hangar owners regarding disposition of hangars.

Truelove requested executive session for Attorney Client for 15 minutes. Christenson made a motion to go into executive session until 6:50 p.m. Goodman seconded. Motion passed 5-0, 4 yes and 1 abstaining (Trummel). Trummel declared the meeting back in open session at 6:50 p.m. Trummel made a motion to table business item B. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 5-0, 4 yes and 1 abstaining (Trummel).

C) Consider Ordinance 1039, amending the water rates for the City of Greensburg.

Council was provided a summary of the water and sewer rate analysis done by Ranson Financial, as presented by Beth Warren at the last Council meeting. Goodman and Trummel asked about the effect of the water treatment plant on water usage and yearly expenses. Staff explained that the plant has not been on-line long enough to determine if there will be a significant increase to water usage due to the plant. Staff does anticipate a rise in use, as they see each summer. The effects on the fertilizer plume with the use of Well #8 have yet to be determined as well. Staff must utilize PEC estimates to determine a full year's operating expenses. Goodman asked if the city is paying for water usage at the golf course. Truelove explained that the City does support the cost of watering the golf course by paying for the electricity it takes to run the pump for the sprinkler system, a system for which the city also contributed funding. City water is used only on the fairways. The golf course water well takes care of the greens. The golf club intends to make adjustments to their watering schedule to reduce the amount of water used. Truelove feels that the golf course is an economic benefit to the community as a recreational resource as the City attempts to attract industry to the area. Jungemann voiced concern over a rate increase of any kind, considering those who live on a very low, fixed income.

Staff recommended Council adopt Ordinance 1039 which follows the rates recommended by Ranson Financial as Option "C". The rates would allow for \$5,000 capital outlay (to be used for such items as repairs and future infrastructure needs), salaries to be paid out of the water fund, and required funds to pay the City's bond obligation. The Ordinance also allows rates to be raised by Resolution in the future. Christenson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1039. Kern seconded. Roll Call Vote: Christenson: yes; Trummel: abstain; Jungemann: yes; Goodman: yes; Kern: yes. Motion passed 5-0.

D) Consider Ordinance 1040, amending the sewer rates for the City of Greensburg.

Truelove recommended approval of Ordinance 1040, accepting the Ranson Financial recommendation of Option "C" for sewer rates. Option "C" allows for \$5,000 capital outlay for future expenses. With no way to monitor sewer usage, rates are based on property class and whether the property is inside or outside city limits. Kern made a motion, seconded by Goodman, to approve Ordinance 1040. Roll Call Vote: Christenson: yes; Trummel: abstain; Jungemann: yes; Goodman: yes; Kern: yes. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Gordon Stull will check state statute to ensure that the Mayor is able to sign Ordinances that were passed in his absence. Should the Council President be required to sign in his stead, those editorial changes will be made to Ordinance 1039 and Ordinance 1040 without further action by the Council.

E) Consider the following appointments to the Tree Board for terms ending May 31, 2016: Tom Corns (reappointment); Dea Corns (reappointment); and Kathy Kelley (new appointment).

Goodman made a motion to appoint Tom Corns, Dea Corns, and Kathy Kelley to the Tree Board, each with terms to expire May 31, 2016. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 5-0, 4 yes and 1 abstaining (Trummel).

Item 5: City Attorney's Report

There was no report from the City Attorney

Item 6: Executive Session

There was no need for additional executive session.

Item 7: Adjournment

Before adjourning, Trummel opened the floor for Georgina Rodriguez to give an update on the upcoming Memorial Weekend Arts and Crafts Fair. Rodriguez reported currently having 89 vendors. She has received good feedback from downtown businesses on the increased foot traffic to their stores. Rodriguez voiced appreciation to the City for their work on making the event possible and stated that she plans to come to Council in June to begin planning for next year. She would like to discuss the possibility of using blocks 1-3 and incorporating a car show next year. Trummel voiced the Council's appreciation for Rodriguez's hard work on the event.

Trummel declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk