

**Greensburg City Council  
June 17, 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 June 17, 2013. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the invocation given by Pastor Willard Olinger. Roll call was taken. Council present: Mark Trummel, Erica Goodman, Haley Kern, Matt Christenson and Sandra Jungemann.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

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

**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 stated that he had spoken to Nick Squires of KDOT who advised that there has been a change in the schedule of the Hwy 54 resurfacing project through town. The contractor is approximately 2 weeks out and the city will be contacted before work begins so as to allow time to advise entities such as the Sheriff's Office and EMS.

**Item 2: Public Comment**

Dixson thanked those in the audience for attending and opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

Goodman made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Item 4: Items of Business**

**A) Receive Georgina Rodriguez to discuss the 2014 Arts & Crafts Fair.**

Georgina Rodriguez, Arts and Crafts Fair organizer, thanked the Council and Staff for their support during this year's craft fair. The event received good support from local, downtown merchants and was well attended. The event raised \$1,315 in booth fees, which was donated to the Chamber. Rodriguez has vendors rebooking for next year and securing motel rooms a year in advance. Next year, proceeds will be donated to the Cannonball Golf Course. Rodriguez requested permission to host the fair in the same location next year and for use of the side streets as needed. Rodriguez voiced concern over the possibility of moving the event to the green space across from City Hall or even 1 block further down Main Street, due to there being nothing to block the wind. She also apologized to Truelove for being subjected to a verbal confrontation during the fair.

Truelove stated that there was no street closing request to present to Council this far in advance. He will continue to work with Rodriguez on the specifics of the event location. Jungemann voiced her appreciation of the event and the fact that it coincides with Memorial weekend and family/school reunions.

Dixson opened the floor for those in attendance to speak in regard to the event.

Goodman stepped down from the Council bench and addressed the Council as a citizen (local merchant). Goodman thanked Rodriguez for her efforts, but would like to see the first block of Main Street left open to allow for parking in front of the downtown shops and asked Council to consider alternate locations for the event.

Goodman stated that, though her store had many visitors, her sales were down. She stated that Starla McClain (Starla's Stitch and Frame, Denise Unruh (the fabric store), and Debbie Boyles (The Last Tangle), would also like to see the parking in front of their stores made available. Scott Reinecke and Janie Lowery both spoke to the increased traffic and revenue in their stores during the fair. They support the fair remaining in the 100 and 200 blocks of S. Main as they do not feel that they would receive the same business if the fair was further down Main Street. Sue Greenleaf Taylor, Economic Development Director, spoke of the tradition of the fair that has always included differing opinions on booth location in relation to store fronts. Taylor supports the fair, acknowledging that there are many good ideas on how to operate the fair. She would like to see more citizens involved in the planning and execution of the event, with Rodriguez heading the committee, so as to not put the burden on one person. Debbie Boyles thanked Rodriguez for all of her work, but voiced concern over the lack of parking in front of her store during one of her busiest days of the week. She has had difficulty with clients being able to park behind her store due to fair parking and recommended moving the fair down one block. Boyles suggested that more visitors may come off of the highway to visit the fair if they were able to park in the first block.

Dixon closed the discussion by saying that nothing but good can come from having 800-1,000 people in town and thanked those in attendance for the open dialog. No action was taken. Goodman returned to her Council seat.

**B) Pursuant to Section 2 (i) of Senate Substitute for House Bill 2052, consider authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of exemption of municipal buildings.**

Truelove explained that House Bill 2052 allows Municipalities to request a 6 month extension to the new law which allows conceal carry permit holders to carry a firearm in state or municipal buildings. This extension would give a municipality the opportunity to examine and/or develop their safety plan. Staff's opinion is that there would be no immediate gain from receiving the exemption as the City cannot easily afford the measures required to establish an adequate safety plan. No action was taken.

**C) Consider an agreement with Southern Pioneer to bury the electric line located at the south end of the new airport property.**

Truelove presented Council with an agreement between the City and Southern Pioneer to bury the electric line located on the south end of the new airport property. The line is owned by Southern Pioneer, who will sub out the work. The City has received a grant for the project through KDOT Aviation with a maximum project cost of \$300,000. Jungemann made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to approve the agreement as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

**D) Consider work order 13-01 with PEC to provide engineering design and construction administration services for building demolition at the Greensburg Business Park.**

Truelove presented work order 13-01 from City Engineer PEC, to provide engineering design and construction administration services to hangar demolition at the business park. PEC would have direct oversight of Mies Construction and has procedures in place to deal with any environmental issues that may arise. The City has until September 30<sup>th</sup> to spend nearly \$37,000 remaining in USDA business park funds. Staff plans to meet with Mies the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss an itemized pricing for the scope of the work. Staff continues to work with hangar owners. Two owners have agreed to accept the city's monetary offer. Truelove will be in contact with the remaining two this coming week. The deadline for accepting the City's offer is June 21<sup>st</sup>. Truelove requested executive session for acquisition of property related to this matter. Council will entertain that request later in the meeting. Christenson made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to approve work order 13-01. Motion passed 5-0.

**E) Consider appointing Debbie Hewitt to the unexpired term of Dee Chandler on the Convention and Tourism Board. (Term to expire 12/31/14).**

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve Debbie Hewitt to fill an unexpired term on the Convention and Tourism Board, expiring 12/31/14. Motion passed 5-0.

**F) Discuss modifying Ordinance #1036, an ordinance defining truck routes in the City of Greensburg, to include the southern portion of the City of Greensburg.**

Staff was asked to gather additional information on possible options for a truck route on the southern portion of the city. Mike Hayes, Public Works Supervisor, met with engineers from Kirkham Michael while they were in town for the County. They discussed both the bridge on S. Main and on S. Olive. In their opinion, the span of the S. Main bridge is short enough and has enough reinforcement that there should not be a weight limit assigned to the bridge. The group is to get back with Hayes on possible options for reinforcing the S. Olive bridge. Truelove discussed concerns that both of these streets are in residential areas. Also, there is a school zone on S. Main and the street narrows in the downtown area to 13' each lane. Truelove had previously received a quote of \$95,000 to make the 2 street, one block area around Mikey's truck worthy. Truelove acknowledged that truck traffic in the southern portion of town will be low other than the two harvest seasons.

Police Chief Alvarez offered statistics on the stopping distance of vehicles depending on their rate of speed. He also voiced concern over kids having to cross S. Main (if it were to become a truck route) to get to the school and the Rec. Center.

No action was taken. Truelove provided the information for dialog and to keep the conversation open while staff gathers more information on possible solutions.

**G) Call a special meeting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to receive KPP representatives for a dinner and presentation at the hospital conference room.**

Truelove advised that KPP (Kansas Power Pool) is taking a different approach to presenting information to their constituents. They will be hosting a catered dinner for the Council on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room. Truelove asked that a Special Council Meeting be called for that purpose. Kern made a motion to hold a Special Council meeting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital meeting room for the purpose of receiving a presentation from KPP. Goodman seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Christenson noted that he has a prior obligation and will be unable to attend.

**H) Call a special meeting for the purpose of a 2014 budget work session.**

Truelove requested a Special Council Meeting for the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> for a budget work session. Christenson made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to hold a budget work session on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Incubator conference room. Motion passed 5-0.

**Item 5: City Attorney's Report**

There was no report from the City Attorney

**Item 6: Executive Session**

City Attorney Gordon Stull requested 10 minutes executive session, attorney client, for land acquisition. Christenson made a motion to go into executive session until 7:15 p.m. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Council returned to open session at 7:15 p.m. Trummel made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel until 7:25 p.m. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Council returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

**Item 7: Adjournment**

With no additional items to come before the Council, Dixon declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

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Christy Pyatt, City Clerk