Greensburg City Council
September 3, 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 September 3, 2013. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the invocation given by Mayor Dixson. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Erica Goodman, Haley Kern, and Sandra Jungemann.

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

Mayor’s Report
There was no report from the Mayor.

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

City Administrator Comments
City Administrator Ed Truelove briefed Council on the following topics:
  A. Our fire chief, Jay Koehn, has submitted a request to purchase 5 new pagers for the Fire Department, at a cost of $2,350, or $470 per pager. The County is also purchasing a quantity of 5. The Fire Dept. has not purchased new pagers for several years and has some equipment that is outdated and cannot be repaired. Additionally, the Dept. has 6 new volunteer firemen. Funding is available in the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund and the request has been approved administratively.
  B. I have been contacted recently by a parent whose children ride electric scooters, and an adult rider, who are questioning the City’s prohibition against electric scooters in our SPV Ordinance. Should Council wish to re-examine the prohibition, please let me know.
  C. Included in your packet is a copy of the KMEA letter, advising of a vote by members on whether to support long-term financing of up to $50,000,000 for the purchase and installation of electric generators for power to be sold to Garden City. Garden City has agreed to pay all costs associated with this financing. The initiative was approved by KMEA membership.
  D. Included in your packet is a document from the U.S. Postal Service, with the results of a recent local survey in reference to our post office. The survey was generated to determine local interest for reducing hours of operation or choosing other options to help mitigate the reduction in Postal Service revenues.
  E. Provided for Council on your bench is a copy of the Southern Pioneer schedule for burying the power line at the new airport, informing us that the work is scheduled to be completed by December 2013.

Item 2: Public Comment
There were no comments from the public.

Item 3: Consent Agenda
Jungemann made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trummel seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4: Items of Business
A) Receive Jim Kennedy to discuss the 2012 Audit Report
Jim Kennedy presented the 2013 Audit Report to Council. He stated that things are going well financially especially considering what has happened over the last six years with the tornado and recovery. Christenson moved to accept the audit report as presented. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
B) Consider Ordinance 1044, amending Chapter XIV, Section 14-206 of the City Code which amends Section 33 of the Standard Traffic Ordinance and establishes speed limits within City limits
Truelove asked Council to consider Ordinance 1044 to establish a school zone that reflects the current location of the school. He stated that staff had been evaluating the current school zone and that is does not reflect the current school location. He said that Chief Alvarez and Mike Hayes are working on signage to post in the zone. Goodman moved to approve ordinance 1044. Kern seconded. Roll call vote: Christenson-yes; Trummel-yes; Jungemann-yes; Goodman-yes; Kern-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

C) Adopt Ordinance 1045, repealing Chapter V, Article 1 of the City Code which requires businesses to obtain a Business License.
Truelove presented Ordinance 1045 that was prepared following previous Council discussion on the need for businesses within the city to obtain a business license. He said that businesses will still fall under the adopted zoning code. Jungmann moved to approved Ordinance 1045. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Christenson-yes; Trummel-yes; Jungemann-yes; Goodman-no; Kern-yes. Motion carried 4-1.

D) Consider approval of Resolution No. 2013-10 for Notice of Hearing on a structure at 611 W. Iowa Lane to show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished as an unsafe or dangerous structure.
Larry Foulk, City Code Enforcement Officer, has identified a list of properties in town and prioritized their need to have action taken to remedy them. He said 611 W. Iowa Lane stood out as one of the most dangerous due to the very rotted plywood over the basement, nails, and standing water in the basement. He spoke to the owner on the phone and the owner requested a letter detailing what action needed to be taken. The letter was sent and Mr. Foulk has not heard back from the property owner. Kern said that she lives in that area and has noticed the condition of the property. She estimates there are about 15 kids under the age of 9 that live in that area. Mayor Dixson inquired whether City Staff will reach out to communicate with the owners. Truelove said yes, he will try to contact them to begin a dialogue on how to remedy the situation. Kern moved to approve Resolution 2013-10. Jungemann seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

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

Item 6: Executive Session
City Attorney Stull requested a 15 minute executive session for attorney/client privilege. Christenson moved to go into executive session until 7:10 pm for attorney/client privilege. Trummel seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Council returned to open session at 7:10 pm.

Item 7: Adjournment
Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Robert A. Dixson, Mayor

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Christy Pyatt, City Clerk