Greensburg City Council
January 20, 2015
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 January 20, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Schaffer, and Haley Kern.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Mayor’s Report
Dixson reminded Council of the upcoming ITC appreciation dinner that they were each invited to.

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

City Administrator Comments
City Administrator Ed Truelove advised Council of the following:
- Cement is being placed today for the pool floor. The floor should be completed by January 26th.
- Certain City offices have changed location. The City Clerk’s office has been moved closer to the front lobby, to help provide better services to our citizens. The Police office has been moved to the main City office area. This provides Chief Alvarez with better space allocation and should reduce our energy consumption due to not having to heat/cool the chamber area.

Item 2: Public Comment
Dixson welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Item 3: Consent Agenda
Kern made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 4: Items of Business
A. Consider Ordinance 1061, amending section 14-505 “prohibition of operation of all-terrain vehicles, pocket bikes, and motorized scooters” and section 14-509 “Same; registration and license; fee; application; inspection; penalty” of the Code of the City of Greensburg, Kansas.
Truelove advised that section 14-505 of the City Code gives prohibitions for small vehicles, such as ATVs and pocket bikes. Included in that section are exceptions. Staff recommends allowing a government exception for any purpose, rather than just for public maintenance. Section 14-509 requires the registration and licensing of such vehicles; however, it does not currently specify what equipment will be required to be on the vehicle to pass inspection. Staff recommends listing the equipment specified on the inspection form in the code. The Code should also be amended to reflect that state statute allows SPV worksite vehicles to operate at night, with appropriate lights. After a brief discussion on golf carts, Truelove advised that state statute says that golf carts are prohibited from sunset to sunrise.
Trummel made a motion to approve Ordinance 1061. Christensen seconded. Dixson called for a roll call vote. Christensen: yes; Trummel: yes; Jungemann: yes; Schaffer: yes; Kern: yes. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Discuss modifying City Code, Chapter 3 Beverages, concerning the biennial occupation tax.
Business Item B was on the previous agenda. Staff desired to offer additional information regarding the statute allowed biennial occupation tax on businesses that sell liquor. Truelove provided a list of cities who utilize City Code Financial for their code books, who have the tax as part of their code. Truelove requested that Council reconsider their previous direction to staff to rescind the code. He recommended Council either leave the code as is or lower the fee. Since the previous meeting, Staff discovered that the tax has been part of the Greensburg Code for a number of years, but was never enforced. The tax will currently affect only two businesses; however, other businesses may offer liquor in the future.

Council discussed the subject further, concurring that there is no city service attached to the fee. There was concern over additional financial burden to businesses that the fee would apply to. After considering the new information presented, Council determined that their vote at the last meeting would not change. Staff will prepare an ordinance to rescind the biennial occupation tax on liquor.

C. Consider color options, recommended by the pool committee, for the Greensburg pool slide, shades, and spray feature.
Truelove presented a display of bathhouse materials and colors chosen by the pool architect. He then presented recommendations from the pool committee for colors for pool shades and the slide. Council was asked to consider color options for the splash-o-lator, which the committee was not able to review prior to tonight's meeting. Council agreed with the following color selections: waterslide – sulfur yellow; waterslide shade – aquatic blue; shade poles – gray; teen zone shade – red; kid zone and sail shade – bright yellow and lime green; splash-o-lator - orange.

Truelove updated Council that pool construction meetings were going to resume on every-other Thursday, following the holidays and weather days. Staff has nearly finished filling the old pool with dirt.

D. Discuss funding options for certain Greensburg pool water features.
Truelove presented an updated list of add alternates for the swimming pool. Truelove had removed options related to parking from the list, as parking is something that City Staff can do at a later date through the infrastructure fund. The viability of going door-to-door, seeking donations to fund the additional features has been questioned. Truelove had instructed Staff to place information regarding the pool's opening date and the opportunity to donate funds for pool features on the latest city bills. Staff understands that Greensburg and Mullinville Recreations may be interesting in donating to the project; however, Truelove is unsure how much of an impact the donations will have on the remaining $119,346 in features. Truelove requested that Council consider approving the remaining features, giving the community a complete project on opening day and ensuring that important features, such as shading, are in place. Should additional funding become available, Staff will reimburse city reserves, which will be used for the additional features.

Council discussed that, by the end of the project, there may be savings found in the guaranteed maximum price, should not all contingency be needed. If that is the case, the remaining funds will also be used to offset the additional cost of add alternate features. Christenson voiced that, should Council vote to utilize additional city reserves to fund the features, citizens may not see the need to donate to the project. He questioned if the palm tree water feature and kid slide should be left off the list of features, as they are not as critical to the project as items such as shades. Christenson felt that these
two items could be added later, with donations. Kern voiced that she felt the remaining features would never be funded if they were put off. Truelove went over the balances of city funds that are currently available for various city projects, including the pool and future airport project. Dixson voiced his support to address budgetary issues in coming years and to have the pool project done and paid for; reminding Council and the audience that the pool is a 20 year expenditure.

Kern made a motion to approve the updated list of add alternate features, valued at $119,346. Schaffer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Discuss the use of electronic tablets for City Council business.
Truelove had asked Stacy Barnes, Tourism Director, to gather information on electronic tablets that could be purchased for City Council business. Included in the Council packet was information on two tablets with Otter Boxes for protective cases. Truelove gave an estimate of cost savings by utilizing the tablets, as opposed to printing Council packets (approximately $151/year). Also discussed was the savings in staff time to prepare packets and the sustainability of not printing approximately 30 pages per packet.

Christenson, who utilizes an electronic packet now, voiced support of purchasing tablets for Council, noting that there are many advantages. Kern agreed that the tablets would be helpful. Council would have the option to view items on the tablets that are currently being projected on the screen behind the Council desk. Trummel mentioned the ability of Staff to send updates and changes to packets prior to Council meetings, rather than Council having to wait until they arrive at the meeting to receive a paper copy. Also mentioned was the need to limit personal use of City owned electronic devices, and Staff training Council on the use of the tablets. The consensus was to allow time for Council to consider the purchase of the proposed tablets.

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

Item 6: Executive Session
Truelove requested 5 minutes executive session, non-elected personnel. Trummel made a motion to go into Executive Session until 7:35 p.m. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 7: Adjournment
Dixson called the meeting back in open session at 7:35 p.m. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk