

Greensburg City Council
February 2, 2015
City Hall

Item 1: Opening Session**Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation; Roll Call**

Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 2, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Pastor Terry Mayhew. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, and Rick Schaffer. Haley Kern was absent.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor's Report

Dixon reported that he, his wife, and County Commissioner Ron Freeman all attended the ITC Recognition Dinner in Dodge City January 28th. The City received a framed certificate and commemorative ITC metal plate.

Council Member's Report

There was no report from Council.

City Administrator Comments

City Administrator Ed Truelove advised Council of the following:

- On Council's desk was a copy of the January Big Well Sales report.
- The pool floor has been completed, and the foundation has been poured for the bathhouse. The next construction meeting will be this Thursday, at the site.

Trummel asked where Staff was at with abatements that had been previously discussed. Truelove explained that Staff continues to monitor the Meadowlark House (Greensburg GreenTown). He reported that he, Dixon, Stacy Barnes, and Sue Greenleaf had met with GreenTown last week and will have continued discussions with them about the status of the property. Truelove also reported that he was made aware that the property at 504 S. Cherry (previously ordered to be abated) may be coming under new ownership. The structure on the property has been sealed up and the broken glass removed. Trummel stated that he had spoken to the individual interested in purchasing the property. No deed has been transferred as of January 31st. The individual stated that he was in possession of a structural engineer's report, obtained by the current owner, which states that the structure is sound. Trummel encouraged the individual to visit with Truelove about the property.

Item 2: Public Comment

Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments from the public.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 4: Items of Business**A. Consider Ordinance 1062, amending general provisions for consumption on public property and codes regulating alcoholic liquor.**

Truelove introduced proposed Ordinance 1062 by reminding Council that the topic had been on the January 5th and January 20th agendas. The proposed Ordinance eliminates the occupational tax on liquor sales; requires the City Clerk to notify the Chief of Police of any approved events held on public property at which alcoholic beverages will be served; and removes repetitive verbage from that section of the current code. Businesses wanting to sell liquor will still need to obtain the required State License. Businesses selling 3.2 alcohol must still acquire a City permit. Jungemann made a motion to approve Ordinance 1062. Christensen seconded. Dixon called for a roll call vote. Christensen: yes; Trummel: yes; Jungemann: yes; Schaffer: yes; Kern: absent. Motion passed 4-0.

B. Consider providing utility support (water and electric) for the Lewellen Amusements event May 17-24, 2015.

Truelove has been approached by Jeff and Alesa Miller, Lighthouse Worship Center, about the church hosting Lewellen Amusements for a carnival to be held on private property on May 21st – 24th. The event will be a fundraiser for the church and provide additional entertainment options for the Memorial Day weekend. The Millers have asked the City to donate electricity and water for the time period that the crew will be on site for preparation and the event itself (May 17th – 24th). Truelove has visited a proposed site with Utility Superintendent Mick Kendall. Electricity to the site would be easily provided; however, Kendall felt that water to the site may be a problem. Truelove believes that the cost of utilities for the event will be minimal and that the event will be positive for the community. The Millers first approached the County Commissioners about utilizing the county fair grounds for the event, but the Commission declined, due to lack of space and parking for both the carnival and the Rodeo that will be occurring. Truelove recommended approval of the request. The Millers confirmed that the large carnival rides use generators for their power, thus reducing consumption of City power. Trummel made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Jungemann. Motion passed 4-0.

C. Consider approving a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Green Electric Company for the donation of a Broad Arrow advertising sign.

Truelove reminded Council that the Green Electric Company would like to utilize a crowd funding campaign to provide a Broad Arrow advertising sign for the City. Truelove has been in contact with Michael Blevins of Green Electric Company. Legal Council for both entities have reviewed and made changes to the proposed LOI. Included in the agreement are terms for support of the sign. Two years of parts and labor would be included in the warranty, along with three additional years of remote technical support. The required, annual, ring bearing inspection is not covered under the warranty; however, Green Electric will train a local employee to do the inspections. Green Electric reports that there will be no operational or maintenance costs. Truelove gave specifics on the life of the equipment. Of note, the LED lighting has a lifespan of 11 years of constant use. The sign is designed to produce more energy than it uses. A more formal partnership agreement will be offered should the crowd funding campaign be successful. An exact location for the sign has not been determined. Current zoning does not allow for billboard signs in city limits; however, the City is exempt from this regulation. Truelove offered the possibilities of utilizing the business park or obtaining a ground lease to place the sign outside of City limits.

Trummel requested confirmation of the stop date on crowd funding. According to the LOI, the contract performance clause will be reviewed for completion on September 1, 2015. Dixon confirmed that

there is no cost share in the project. Trummel made a motion to approve the LOI as presented. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 3-1 (Schaffer voting against).

D. Consider an electrical sign maintenance agreement between the City and Luminous Neon Inc. for the Community LED sign.

Included in the meeting packet was a Luminous Neon electrical sign maintenance agreement renewal for the community LED sign at the Incubator. The cost of the agreement reflects an increase of \$7.25 and is a 2 year contract. Discussion was held on whether or not it would be cheaper to not have a contract and call Luminous Neon as needed. Jungemann and Truelove spoke to the effectiveness of preventative maintenance and not having a large, unplanned expenditure should the equipment fail and need to be repaired. Christenson views maintenance agreements as insurance for the technology and appreciates the ability to have a budget for maintenance. Truelove was asked to gather additional information about past maintenance calls and repairs and bring it to the next meeting. Trummel made a motion to table the discussion until the next Council meeting. Christenson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Receive a brief on Animal Control and the pet registration clinic scheduled for February 27th.

Included in the meeting packet was information from Chief Alvarez regarding pet registration and a pet clinic to be held February 27th, hosted by the City and local vet clinic. Truelove reported that in 2014 only 1 cat and 20 dogs (13 of those being City employee pets) were registered. Staff will focus more this year on educating the public on animal registration and the importance of animals receiving the rabies vaccination, from a public safety standpoint. Alvarez will offer a 2 year animal registration this year, so that city registration matches the renewal date for a rabies vaccination. Pet owners will receive a one year tag this year. Alvarez will locate the owner next year to give them the 2016 tag. Increased registration will also make it easier for pets found loose to be returned to their owner, without having to be impounded.

F. Establish a date in March for a Council Planning Session.

Truelove requested that Council consider setting a date in March for a long range planning session. Offering several suggestions, those present voiced a preference for March 30th at 6 p.m. Truelove will request a formal call for the session on the next agenda, allowing Council to check their calendars and for Kern to offer her recommendation.

Item 5: City Attorney's Report

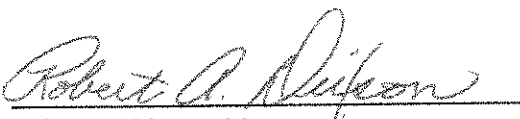
There was no report from the City Attorney.


Item 6: Executive Session

Truelove requested 5 minutes executive session, non-elected personnel. Trummel made a motion to go into executive session until 6:50 p.m. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Item 7: Adjournment

Dixon called the meeting back in open session at 6:50 p.m. With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned.


Robert A. Dixon, Mayor


Christy Pyatt, City Clerk

