

**Greensburg City Council  
March 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 March 2, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Miller. 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. Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kern seconded, and the 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 advised Council of the following:

- On council's desk was a copy of the February Big Well Sales Report.
- An article in the Kiowa County Public Information Update (the Yellow Sheet), informs that a statewide tornado safety drill will occur Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. Truelove has contacted Emergency Management and was informed that Kiowa County will take part in the drill.
- The animal registration/shot clinic that occurred on February 27<sup>th</sup> was a great success, thanks to the advertising by Chief Alvarez. As of today, 58 animals have been registered.

**Item 2: Public Comment**

Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting to public comment. Miller commended the Council for the great job that they do and thanked them for their service to the community.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

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

**Item 4: Items of Business****A. Consider a request by Kiowa County United to relocate the power pole located in their north parking lot.**

Ki Gamble, Kiowa County United, has approached Truelove with a request that the City consider moving the electric pole in the north parking lot of their property. The request was denied by the Council in 2010. At that time, the City Engineer, PEC, estimated the cost to move the pole at \$29,000 - \$30,000. PEC has said that they can do a "ball park" study of the project for \$1,000. A complete engineer's report can be done for \$3,000. Truelove estimates a total project cost of \$40,000. Truelove has discussed the matter with Utility Superintendent Mick Kendall, who would not recommend moving the pole for several reasons. Truelove agrees with Kendall's assessment of the situation. The line being

supported by the pole is a main feed. To move the pole, 2 taller poles would need to be placed north of the highway and 2 taller poles placed on the south side, to elevate the line for a longer span. The pole would have to be placed on the east side of the alley easement and have guy-wires encroaching on the property to the east, to stabilize the pole. This would also take the pole out of line with the others in the sequence. Truelove showed Power Point photos of the site and surrounding poles.

Truelove examined the possibility of increasing the drive entrance, eliminating the need to move the pole at all. Scott Mullen, area KDOT engineer, advised that in 2010 Kiowa County United made a similar request and were told that KDOT would assist them with enlarging the drive, but the pole would need to be moved. Also, Mullen gave specific distances that must exist between a drive entrance and any other entrance onto the highway. The distance from the middle of the proposed drive entrance to the middle of Main Street would meet the minimum requirements; however, the distance from the middle of the proposed drive to the middle of the alley would not. Other business entrances in the area do not meet the current minimum distant requirements, but are grandfathered in. Mullen suggested that Kiowa County United could apply for a variance from KDOT for the drive.

Truelove also examined the possibility of moving the pole in question to the south, closer to the building. During their conversation, Kendall voiced concern over the overhead line that runs from the traffic light to the pole in question, as well as the underground runs to the light poles east and west of the electric pole. Moving the overhead line east would increase the tension on what is already a leaning pole. Truelove and Kendall discussed the option of taking the overhead line underground. Unfortunately, pre-tornado conduit and line are being used on the traffic lights, making it very difficult to add a line.

Discussion amongst Council ensued. Trummel asked who would be liable if the pole were moved to the corner of the building and then fell. Jungemann questioned why the line was not put underground to begin with and why Kiowa County United wanted the pole moved. With the impending opening of the restaurant on that side of the building, the owners expect increased traffic in the parking lot and increased congestion trying to get in and out of the drive through the current access, the alley. Truelove referenced the Governing Body Handbook that states that the City has an obligation to spend municipal funds for a municipal purpose. Truelove is concerned that this project would assist a needed, local business, but not a municipal purpose. Dixon questioned if KDOT considered the alley an entrance. Truelove is concerned about cars accessing the current entrance if a car is coming out of the alley. The vehicle attempting to turn into the parking lot would have to come to a complete stop on Hwy 54, just past the intersection, and could easily be rear ended.

It was the consensus of the Council that Staff encourage Kiowa County United to pursue a variance from KDOT to create a drive access off of Hwy 54, without moving the pole.

**B. Discuss a lease agreement with NASA for an atmospheric research mission from May – July 2015.**

Truelove has been in conversation with representatives of NASA who wish to utilize property in the Business Park to conduct an atmospheric research mission from May – July 2015. Truelove requested that Council direct staff to work with the City Attorney to draft two ground leases, one for NASA and one for the United States Navy. Truelove recommended using the original L.E. Myers lease agreement as a template, but eliminate the clause that states that there will be no illegal activity conducted on the property. He also recommended a no cost lease.



Dixon recommended that \$1 or greater be listed as a value for the lease. Trummel asked for additional information on the mission itself. Truelove explained that for part of the mission, a vehicle towing an atmospheric balloon would be driven up and down county roads. The Business Park would house equipment and offices.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Christenson, to direct Staff to draw up a 3 month lease agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

**C. Consider color choices for lockers at the swimming pool.**

Truelove offered Council color options for the lockers that will be placed outside of the pool bath house. Having viewed the options earlier, Kendall had suggested that Council consider a color that is more commemorative of the school colors. Council agreed, but was unsure if alternate colors were available. Kern made a motion to approve the color grey, should school colors not be available. Jungemann seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**D. Consider an appointment for the City's Director #1 position on the KMEA (Kansas Municipal Energy Agency) Board of Directors for a 2 year term beginning May 1, 2015 and expiring on April 30, 2017.**

Pointing out that Christenson has previously served as the Director #1 for the KMEA Board of Directors, and serves on several committees, Truelove requested that Council appoint someone to serve a term expiring April 30, 2017. Jungemann volunteered to be appointed to the position. Kern made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to appoint Jungemann as Director #1. Motion passed 5-0.

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

There was no report from the City Attorney.

**Item 6: Executive Session**

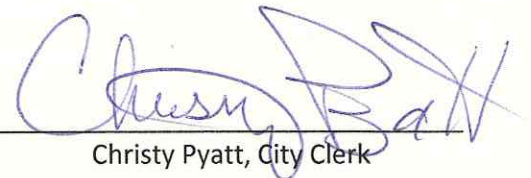
Stull requested 15 minutes executive session for non-elected personnel. Trummel made a motion to go into executive session until 7:00 p.m. Schaffer seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Dixon declared the meeting back in open session at 7:00 p.m.

**Item 7: Adjournment**

With nothing further to discuss, Dixon declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Robert A. Dixon, Mayor



Christy Pyatt, City Clerk