Greensburg City Council
May 4, 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 May 4, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Tony Factor. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Schaeffer, and Haley Kern.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
Interim City Administrator Jay Newton requested that the consideration of a License agreement with the Department of the Navy for property located in the Industrial Park be added to the agenda as business item B. Christenson made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested addition. 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
Newton advised Council on the following topics:
  - Newton provided Council with a year-to-date budget summary.
  - City auditors are here to review fiscal year 2014.

Item 2: Public Comment
Dixon welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting to public comment. Georgina Rodriguez asked if the protocol for requesting trash receptacles for the Arts and Crafts fair was the same as last year. She was directed to work with Newton on this issue. Rodriguez reported greater support from local businesses who had previously opposed the event plans to be open this year and supports the fair.

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

Item 4: Items of Business
A. Receive Sue Greenleaf, Kiowa County Economic Development Director, to update Council and request 2015 Economic Development funds.

Economic Development Director Sue Greenleaf was delayed by road construction. This agenda item was heard following Item B, the City Attorney’s report, and Executive Session.

Greenleaf stated that she was present to request the budgeted 2015 Economic Development funds. Describing the future of Kiowa County as good, if not better, than any other town in southwest Kansas, Greenleaf gave an update on Economic Development activity.
  - Wes Jury, Center For Innovation, assisted Greenleaf with community meetings to discuss and prioritize the County’s greatest economic development needs. Housing and industry are the
largest challenges. The group discussed which of these needs must come first, in order to facilitate growth in the other.

- The Canadian delegation from Canopy will be returning next week to continue the research phase of developing a straw to paper pulp mill in the Industrial Park.
- New businesses in town include Reggie’s Pizza, the Twilight Theatre, and The Red Tractor (soon to open). Greenleaf has recently seen an increase of interest in housing and retail business.
- Greensburg is closer to having a permanent Post Office facility. On a recent trip to Washington D.C. Greenleaf visited the offices of Senator Moran, Senator Roberts, and Congressman Pompeo to discuss the topic.

Greenleaf encouraged those in attendance to gauge community growth by the people who come into the community with fresh eyes, rather than by those who are here and experience the day to day struggles. Greenleaf thanked the Council for their support.

Christenson asked if Economic Development would be requesting the same funds in the 2016 budget process. Greenleaf assured him that was the case. She elaborated on the use of those funds in the past year (assisting with items such as motel rooms for company representatives looking to bring business to Kiowa County and making revolving loan funds available to businesses).

Trummel asked if the same message was being given in the communities of Mullinville and Haviland. Greenleaf explain that she attempts to engage all three communities. Mullinville contributes to Kiowa County Economic Development, but Haviland does not (though representatives did attend the last Annual Meeting).

Dixson requested that Greenleaf submit a request, in writing, to Newton for 2016 funding before budget talks begin in the next 30 days.

B. Consider a License Agreement with the Department of the Navy for property located in the Industrial Park.

City Attorney Gordon Stull reminded Council that Staff has been working with NASA and the Department of the Navy on a Lease Agreement. The Navy contract department has recommended a license agreement rather than a lease. Stull recommended Council approve the agreement that was prepared by the Navy and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Christenson made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the license agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign the document. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 5: City Attorney’s Report

Stull advised that a hearing on the City’s motion for summary judgment in the Sheila Magee court case was held in Dodge City. The Court granted the City’s motion, but did rule against some of the claims for damages. The ruling is subject to appeal.

Stull continues to work to clear the titles on the McLaughlin and Smith donations to the Land Bank.

Item 6: Executive Session

Stull requested a 10 minute executive session for attorney client privilege. Christenson made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privilege until 6:22 p.m. Kerr seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
Council returned to open session at 6:22 p.m. It was at this time that Sue Greenleaf was present to address business item A.

**Item 7: Adjournment**
Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Robert A. Dixson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk