

**Greensburg City Council  
July 20, 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 July 20, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Dixon. Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Schaffer, and Haley Kern.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

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

**Mayor's Report**

Dixson introduced and welcomed Kyler Ludwig, newly hired City Administrator. Ludwig will begin work on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Member's Report**

There was no report from Council.

**City Administrator Comments**

Interim City Administrator Jay Newton stated that he was looking forward to working with Ludwig through the transition.

**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**

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 acceptance of the 2016 Annual City of Greensburg Budget and set a date for a public hearing. (August 17, 2015 at 6 pm is suggested.)**

Newton presented the proposed 2016 budget, provided in the meeting packet. Newton has been working with Jim Kennedy, the City's auditor, to construct the budget. Referencing page 7 of the document, Newton explained that the mill levy would be fractionally smaller than in 2015. The dollars generated by the levy are down because valuations have been down the last 2 years. Built into the proposed budget are two new positions, a park maintenance worker to care for streetscape and city landscape fulltime and a part-time police officer to provide coverage when Chief Alvarez is sick or on vacation. Newton pointed out that the budget is less than in 2015, but will provide better service. The city has been making transfers from the electric and water funds to assist in covering the general fund. Newton also noted that there is a decrease amount of taxes collected because of the neighborhood revitalization program.

Christenson questioned the transfer of \$50,000 from equipment reserve back to the general fund. Newton explained that the auditor had mentioned that the city did not have enough cash to warrant the transfer into the equipment reserve and recommended that \$50,000 be returned back to the general fund. \$50,000 still remains in the equipment reserve fund. The city does have a ½ cent sales tax dedicated for capital improvements. Newton feels that the city will be in a better position to fund the equipment reserve fund down the road.

Christenson pointed out the large bond outstanding on electrical service. He asked if there was room to pay down the bond early and save interest in the long term. The bond interest is at 3.75% annually. Newton agreed that it would be good for the city to examine the possibility periodically.

Dixson reminded the Council that the majority of those who utilized the revitalization program, directly following the 2007 disaster, have only 2-3 years left on the program. Newton stated that for council to compensate for taxes not received because of revitalization, the budget would have to go up 7 mills, which is unrealistic. Christenson suggested the city may want to look into whether or not the new, state imposed tax lid includes revitalization and asked if the city would have to lower its mills to utilize the program.

Christenson made a motion to approve the publication of the 2016 budget as presented and to set a date of August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the annual budget public hearing. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**B. Consider a motion to recess to executive session to discuss "confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships;" in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319.**

Newton requested a motion, as worded in the agenda, to call a 30 minute executive session to discuss an industrial park prospect. Trummel made a motion to go into executive session until 6:45 p.m. to discuss confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorship. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Council returned to open session at 6:45 p.m.

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

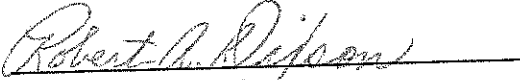
There was no report from City Attorney Gordon Stull.


**Item 6: Executive Session**

There was no need for additional executive session

**Item 7: Adjournment**

Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
Robert A. Dixon, Mayor

  
Christy Pyatt, City Clerk