

Greensburg City Council
January 19, 2016
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2016.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Dixon.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Schaffer and Haley Kern. Christenson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kern seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dixon welcomed citizens to the meeting and opened the floor for comments. There were no comments from the floor.

E) CONSENT AGENDA

Trummel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the amended Appropriation Ordinance #1068 that was provided to Council at the start of the meeting. The amended ordinance provided for invoices totaling \$100,394.04. Jungemann seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS**1. Support of County Road Projects – Scott/Grant**

City Administrator Kyler Ludwig advised that the City and Kiowa County share ownership of Grant Street and Scott Street. By contract the County is required to provide maintenance on these streets, but the City and County will cost share repairs to Scott Street. Ludwig has been approached by Commissioner Bert Lowery who expressed interest in working together to apply a chip seal to the dirt sections of Grant and Scott Streets. Project cost estimates were provided in the meeting packet. Street Superintendent Mike Hayes has recommended that the City donate unused rock to the project. The City has enough rock to cover the project; an in-kind donation valued at \$3,585. Ludwig requested a motion to donate the rock and for staff to continue conversation with the County for a more formal agreement.

Christenson asked for clarification on which portions of the named streets were included in the project. Ludwig explained that the project includes the dirt portions of East Grant Ave from the end of the current pavement to the entrance to the Business Park and East Scott Street from Main Street to Olive Street. Ludwig clarified that city limits did not extend as far on Grant at the time of the 1991 contract as they do currently. The County currently does snow removal and maintenance on both roads. For this project, the County will provide labor and equipment. The City does not have the equipment necessary to use the rock that is proposed for the donation.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to allow staff to move forward with an agreement and the in-kind donation of rock. The motion passed 5-0.

2. TASER X2 Purchase

The adopted 2016 budget provides for the hiring of a part-time officer. The Police Department has started purchasing equipment in anticipation of this position being filled. Police Chief Paul Alvarez requested Council approve the purchase of a TASER X2 stun gun at a cost of \$1,603.90 (the cost of which exceeded Alvarez's spending authority). A quote sheet and spec sheet from TASER, along with pricing of other equipment, was provided in the meeting packet. Alvarez estimates the life expectancy of the department's current TASER to be 3 years. Replacement batteries for the current unit are no longer available. Purchase of a new TASER at this time will help the department avoid the expenditure of two units at a time. The approximate life expectancy of a new TASER, when tested daily, is approximately 5 years. When asked, Alvarez clarified that funds available for a new officer will cause hiring to be postponed until the second half of the year, allowing time for equipment and uniforms to be purchased. TASER provided the only quote presented as they hold the market on such equipment.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Kern, to approve the purchase of a TASER X2 stun gun. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Road Closure Permit – Memorial Weekend

Ludwig has received a request from Georgina Rodriguez for road closures for the 2016 Memorial Weekend Arts and Craft Fair. Traditionally the event is held on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day. Road closures for that date can be approved administratively. This year the fair will extend into Sunday. Ludwig requested Council approve a request to close Main Street from US-54 to Florida from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm on May 29th. The event would end at 1 pm and the street cleared by 2 pm. Ludwig has spoken to one business owner who is not interested in allowing the Sunday street closure because of it being their busiest weekend of the year. Adam Wagner of the Twilight Theatre does not feel that the closure will affect Sunday matinee traffic. Rodriguez has also voiced interest in utilizing the 300 block of S. Main, if the Chamber chooses not to use the block on May 28th. The Chamber has told Staff they are still interested in using the 300 block.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the May 29th street closure as requested. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Public Building Commission

The Council recessed and convened as the Public Building Commission (PBC) to conduct their required, annual meeting.

Serving as Vice-President prior to the change in by-laws that declared the Council to be the PBC, Matt Christenson chaired the meeting and called it to order.

Roll Call: All members were present (Mayor Bob Dixson and Council Members Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Shaffer, and Haley Kern).

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 5, 2015: Dixson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting as presented. Sandy Jungemann seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Communications: Staff did not have any communications to provide the Commission.

Reports: City Clerk Christy Pyatt reported that \$56,087.46 was paid this year on the 30 year PBC bond for the Big Well Museum construction.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: The Commission was asked by Staff to elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. With the approach of City Council Elections in April, Dixson made a motion, seconded by

Trummel, to appoint Christenson as President, Schaffer as Vice-President, and Kern Secretary. The motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment: With no additional business to come before the Commission, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 6: 20 pm.

Council resumed open session at 6:20 pm.

G) City Attorney's Report

There was no report from the City Attorney.

H) CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ludwig presented a copy of a prepared City Administrator's Report. The following topics were discussed in the report:

City Budget: Line item numbers have been altered within City software to match the prepared budget. City Clerk Christy Pyatt has done an excellent job with the transition from 2015 to 2016.

Economic Development: The next meeting of the Kiowa County Economic Development Board is on Monday January 25th at 5pm.

Airport Development: Tiffany Brown has stepped down as the Director of Aviation; she will be replaced by Greg Chenoweth. Lochner has estimated for the City to construct a runway it will cost the City approximately \$375,000.

Election Deadline: Candidates interested in running for Mayor or for a city council position must declare their intent with the County Clerk before January 26th.

Post Office: As a federal entity the post office is exempted from many of the permitting requirements we have locally, but they are open and willing to work with the City. The Post Office is estimated to be completed by April 18th.

Land Valuation Hearing: The City will have a hearing with the County Appraiser to discuss the value of the airport property and the industrial park on January 21st.

Natural Gas to Industrial Park: Kansas Gas has put together a proposal for natural gas service to the industrial park. Kansas Gas will pay for 2 inch pipe, and the City will pay for an oversize to 4 inches. A contract will be put together that will allow the City to make its money back with use over the next 5 years.

2016 Council Priorities: Residents over the past month have voiced what issues they feel should be the council's focus during 2016. City staff has taken these ideas and created a survey to help gauge what priorities are most important. Please fill out the survey and return it to Kyler as soon as possible. Results will be discussed at the February 1st meeting.

I) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

There were no additional comments from the governing body.


J) Executive Session

Dixson requested a motion to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships for the period of 30 minutes to include the Governing Body, City Attorney, City Administrator, and Mr. Scott Walker. Trummel made such a motion. Kern seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.


Council returned from Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

K) ADJOURNMENT

With no additional items to come before the Council, Dixon declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.



Robert A. Dixon, Mayor



Christy Pyatt, City Clerk