

Greensburg City Council
January 4, 2016
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robert Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 4, 2016.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Pastor John Harrison.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, Rick Schaffer and Haley Kern. City Administrator Kyler Ludwig advised Council of the updated Appropriation Ordinance #1067 provided to them on their desks. The update provides for invoices totaling \$48,297.94. Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the agenda with the updated Appropriation ordinance #1067. 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

Kern made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the updated Appropriation Ordinance #1067. Christenson seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS**1. KPP Update**

Ludwig introduced Mark Chesney, Kansas Power Pool (KPP) to give an update. The all inclusive 2016 rate was approved at the KPP annual meeting. The rate is down approximately 2¢/kwh from 2015. KPP is currently studying the possibility of investing in transmission assets to decrease costs in the future. Dixon voiced his appreciation of the vision of KPP.

2. Annual Cash Basis GAAP Waiver

Council was asked to approve Resolution 2016-01, waiving requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and directing staff to construct all financial statements and reports using cash basis and budget laws for the year ending December 31, 2015. Council is asked to approve a similar resolution annually. Christenson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-01. Trummel seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Ludwig advised that the City's Personnel Policy Handbook requires that approved travel in personal vehicles while on City business is reimbursed at a rate approved by the governing body (section 5.18). Council has never formally approved a reimbursement rate, but staff has been reimbursed at 55¢/mile driven. Mileage reimbursement is tax exempt up to the IRS mileage rate. Beginning January 1, 2016 the IRS reimbursement rate goes from 57¢ to 54¢. Staff recommended Council approve the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. Jungemann made a motion, seconded by Kern, to approve the reimbursement of travel in personal vehicles while on City business at the IRS mileage rate. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Trash Rate Resolution

On July 6th the Council approved a 5 year contract with Nisly Brothers, Inc. for trash and recycle collection. At that time discussion was held on the rate increases to both commercial and residential customers. Council approved the contract price increase; however, the rate change was not approved by resolution, as required by city code.

Ludwig explained that the City's franchise fee will remain unchanged. Residents with one cart will see a \$1.00 increase per month, and residents with two cars will see a \$3.00 rate increase. The largest increase (\$4.00/month) is for commercial customers with weekly pick up carts 4 yd. or larger. The contract also included a new category for single stream commercial dumpsters. Commercial customers with single stream 95 gallon carts will be charged under the new agreement. The charge for a 95 gallon commercial cart will be \$6.00 per cart plus a \$1.50 franchise fee. The City has previously maintained a policy that customers would not pay for recycle carts, in an effort to encourage recycling. Nisly estimates that there are currently 7 carts that this fee would apply to. All rates are subject to increase if disposal costs increase. Should this occur, a new rate resolution will need to be passed. Ludwig requested that Council discuss the commercial recycle cart rate, an option to waive the franchise fee on recycling services, and take on the cost of commercial customers with 95 gallon carts. He also requested Council approve the prepared trash and recycle rate resolution.

After a brief discussion, Kern made a motion to remove recycling charges for commercial customers with 95 gallon carts and approve the remainder of the proposed resolution. Christenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Land Bank Report

Section 11 of the City's Land Bank policy requires an annual report to the governing body of the annual expenses to the Land Bank. The report also needs to include a list of all available Land Bank properties. In 2015 the Land Bank spent \$727.50 from the City's General Fund on title insurance through Zimmerman Title and Abstract for the properties located at 504 S. Cherry (\$202.00) and 800 W. Kansas (\$524.50). Council was provided with a list of properties currently in the land bank, along with a map of the properties.

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:

Spring Elections: Those interested in running for the position of Mayor or as a Councilmember must complete an application with the County Clerk's office. Applications are due before January 26th.

Big Well Hours: The hours of operation have changed and will be from 9am-5pm from Monday through Saturday, closed on Sundays. These hours will be in place until March. Sales for the Big Well totaled \$120,334 in 2015.

Water Rights: The City was informed that a complaint has been filed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on junior rights in the Rattlesnake Creek Drainage Basin (any rights after August 16, 1957). Comments will be accepted through March 11, 2016 from stakeholders. The City has already expressed interest in participating in discussions. More information can be found at this webpage: <http://agriculture.ks.gov/news-events/news-releases/2015/12/02/kda-publishes-initial-report-on-water-impairment-claim>

Next Meeting: As a result of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18th the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday January 19th at 6:00pm.

Public Building Commission Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Public Building Commission will be held on January 19th as part of the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. There is no scheduled PBC business, but the meeting is necessary to fulfill the annual meeting requirement.

Spring Cleaning: In our contract with Nisly an annual curbside spring cleaning is provided. The City has not yet taken advantage of this service. Staff would like to connect the spring cleaning with a push to get homes into compliance with the municipal codes.

Private Donation: The City would like to thank Charles Wise for another sizable donation to the City of Greensburg. The donation is in connection with the rebuilding of City facilities and infrastructure.

Annual Chamber Meeting: The Chamber of Commerce is hosting their Annual Meeting on Saturday the 16th starting at 6:30pm. If anyone is interested in attending please let Ludwig know so the City can purchase tickets.

I) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS


There were no additional comments from the governing body.

J) ADJOURNMENT

With no additional items to come before the Council, Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.



Robert A. Dixson, Mayor



Christy Pyatt, City Clerk