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Greensburg City Council
April 3, 2017
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Robert Dixson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2017.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION
The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the invocation given by Pastor Terry Mayhew.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Council present: Matt Christenson, Mark Trummel, Sandra Jungemann, Rick Schaffer, and Haley Kern.
Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
Judi Kirk presented an agreement from 1934 showing that the property line at the Starlight Park is the fence on the north side. She stated that the first sculpture would be brought in on April 15th.

E) RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, & NOMINATIONS
Christenson made a motion for Terry Mayhew to fill the vacancy on the Greensburg Housing Authority, and to reappoint Pamela Reves and Shawn Cannon to the Planning Commission. Kern seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

F) CONSENT AGENDA
Jungemann made a motion, seconded by Kern, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

G) ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Starlight Park Sidewalk
City Administrator Kyler Ludwig provided the quote of $5,016 from Pueblo Concrete for the completion of a 114’ x 8’ sidewalk in the Starlight Park. Councilmember Shaffer said he felt that the City staff could manage the sidewalk project. The council consensus was for city staff to complete the project. Council approved the sidewalk project on November 7, 2016.

2. Greenleaf Property Donation
Mayor Dixson recessed the meeting at 6:15pm, and called the Land Bank to order.
Ludwig stated that Sue Greenleaf has approached the City with interest to donate her property at 413 S. Main Street. The council discussed the property’s location and adjacent land owners. Christenson expressed that he was reluctant to accept the property if the costs of removing the basement and foundation were too high. Kern stated that she was concerned that the City would be taking on too many properties. Dixson stated that the property was small, and may be difficult to build on without ownership of adjacent properties.

Shaffer asked if any staff has received any land bank requests as a result of the new property signs. Ludwig stated that staff has seen an increase in requests for information about the Land Bank as a result of the new signs.
Dixson stated that we may want to review costs of yard expansions to make them more attractive, and get the properties back on the tax rolls. Trummel said that he did not want the City to lose money if we were to lower the price. Christensen said that he did not want the City to haggle and negotiate every property price, and he preferred a consistent policy to set property price.

The Land Bank adjourned their meeting, and the City Council reconvened their meeting at 6:30.

3. KPP Contract Review
Council reviewed the proposed KPP Power Purchase Contract with City Attorney Gordon Stull. Stull stated that the letter of intent only described changes in section 2.2 of the contract, but the contract includes many changes that are not relevant to the City. Ludwig said that KPP is striving to keep all of their Power Purchase Contracts similar, and so the contract includes contract language that is specific to power-generating cities.

Stull expressed concern about the consent the City would need to give before a project is financed through KPP. Stull said that we need to ask KPP about the consent required prior to a project. It is important that the City has the authority to review each decision.

Christenson asked if the debt was still to pay for transmission assets. Ludwig responded by saying that the debt could be used for transmission and power generation assets. The intent he felt was to save money and to help the pool be more sustainable moving forward. Christenson followed up with a question about how debt taken on by KPP may impact the City’s debt ratio.

4. Call for Hearing – 903 N. Sycamore
Ludwig presented a summary of the previous discussion on 903 N. Sycamore. Ludwig communicated the process and proposed timeline to the property owner.

Christenson stated that the property owner previously agreed to have the project done on July 31st, and he did not feel this timeline created any undue burdens. He said that we have seen the abatement process work before, and he is hopeful that it will work again. Kern said that she feels staff has already worked with the land owners to get the home in town without a foundation, and she would like to see the improvements happen quickly. Trummel said that we are extending help to him by allowing this home to come into town, but he has to help us by getting it compliant with City Codes.

Kern made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 calling for a formal hearing. Christenson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

5. Fire Relief Discussion
Mayor Dixson stated that many of those impacted in Clark County were those who supported us in our time of need. He recommended the City donate $5,000 to the Ashland Community Foundation. Jungemann said the donation is a noble cause. Mayor Dixson suggested the donation come from the City’s General Fund.

Trummel made a motion to donate $5,000 to the Ashland Community Fire Relief Fund. Jungemann seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Dixson said that he will go down on Wednesday to deliver the check.
II) CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
City Attorney Gordon Stull did not have anything to report.

I) CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Ludwig discussed the following topics:
Airport Grant: The City has received a grant totaling $1,080,000 from KDOT. The grant is to pay for grading of the runway at the City’s Airport. Staff is working with Lochner to develop a schedule, and we hope to get started on the project before the end of the year.

Pool Chlorine System: City staff is working on changing the pool’s current chlorine system, because costs have been higher than anticipated. Staff hopes to have a proposal for a liquid chlorine pump at the next meeting.

ACH Withdrawal Change: As a result of some changes at Greensburg State Bank the automated withdrawal will take place on April 12th instead of the 8th. This change will only impact this month’s withdrawal.

KPP Contract: A representative from KPP will be at the April 17th meeting to help answer questions we may have about the contract.

Community Clean-up Day: April 29th will be the community clean up day. Residents will be able to place large bulk items out for pick up.

Good Friday: City Hall will be closed on April 14th in observance of the scheduled holiday.

Incubator Management: A lease has been signed by Daylight Donuts of Greensburg. Staff is working with Kiowa County Economic Development to clean up the remaining equipment from Asian Kitchen. Main Street Massage has notified staff that they will be closing at the end of the month.

10th Anniversary: Council was given the press packet for the 10th anniversary events.

J) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
There were no additional comments or questions from the Council.

K) ADJOURNMENT
With nothing additional to come before the Council, Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

[Signatures]
Robert A. Dixson, Mayor
Christy Pyatt, City Clerk