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Greensburg City Council
July 3, 2017
City Hall

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

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

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Council present: Mark Trummel, Matt Christenson, Haley Kern, and Sandra Jungemann. Rick Schaffer was absent. Kern made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Christenson seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
Mayor Dixson welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for citizen comments. There were no comments from the audience.

E) CONSENT AGENDA
Jungemann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kern seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
   1. Public Arts Committee (PAC) Update
      Judi Kirk, PAC, presented financials for the group, showing all revenues and expenses since the group was formed, and reviewed a timeline of the group’s activity. Kirk also went over what items within Starlight Park have been donated and by whom. The group has paid all expenses to date. One third of the cost of the Triple Eclipse sculpture was required to begin production. Taking into consideration other known expenses and revenues, Kirk stated that PAC would have $5,091.10 with which to begin working on the third piece of art. She is working with a large corporation for a donation toward the third piece.

      Shawn Cannon, PAC, joined the meeting. He and Kirk explained that PAC held a meeting last night to discuss the 3rd piece, the “Karg Sculpture”. Due to miscommunication within the committee, PAC has decided to travel to Kechi on Saturday to look at the piece, which can be adapted and changed if needed. Kirk suggested that if PAC decides this is not the piece that they want placed in the park the Council may want to consider placing it near the Incubator, where it was originally suggested. Kirk clarified for Trummel that the artist would install the proposed 3rd piece, and he has made no mention of needing heavy equipment to do so.

      The kinetic piece (sculpture #2), is to be delivered this week and installed on its foundation in the park over the course of the next couple of weeks.

      Kirk requested Council approval for the foundation for the currently proposed 3rd sculpture, pending approval by PAC and Administration. Kirk wants the foundation in before the City plants buffalo grass in the park, which can be done any time between now and the mid/end of August. She also requested assurance from the City that Staff would attempt to protect the newly planted trees in the park while they are spraying and replace any that die as a result. Kern asked that PAC be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting, after the group makes a decision on the Karg Sculpture.

   2. 2018 Budget Discussion
      City Administrator Kyler Ludwig led a budget discussion on non-general funds.
Staff estimates and increase in electrical power purchased, a decrease in commodities, and plans to increase the electric reserve. Revenues for water are forecasted as unchanged. The proposed budget reflects 100% of an employee being paid from water, but only 75% is actually being charged (the remainder is supplemented by the electric fund). Ludwig plans an increase in funds transferred to water reserve to help compensate the amount spent on propellers for the water treatment plant. Revenues for sewer will remain virtually the same. Again, the budget reflects 100% of an employee being paid from sewer, but only 75% is actually being charged. Contractual services in that fund have been increased to reflect 2016 actuals. Ludwig proposes transferring $15,000 to sewer replacement as nothing has been placed in that fund since 2007. Revenue for sanitation is projected to remain unchanged. The City will no longer need to transfer money to the reserve fund as it will have maxed out at $100,000 (as required in the agreement with the county). Big Well revenues are projected closer to 2016 actuals. The cost of personnel will decrease. A majority of the manager’s work deals with Tourism, rather than the museum itself. Ludwig will make a switch in the proportion of her pay that comes from the Big Well, to better reflect what she is doing. The increase in commodities is mostly due to sales tax. Ludwig would like to see an increase of contributions to the fire equipment fund as the general fund becomes healthier. The special alcohol-parks fund will be utilized once there is enough to fund a park project. The street department has a three year cycle on street projects and will be doing some work in 2018. The 2018 budget for the Incubator is based on 2016 actuals. Staff reduced the projected revenues within the transient guest tax fund to more closely reflect the revenues of 2016. There will also be an increase in personnel cost, as mentioned earlier, with the tourism director’s duties focusing more on tourism than the Big Well itself. The Tourism Board is looking at ways to cut back, such as discontinuing the booth at the State Fair. Ludwig briefly explained the non-budgeted funds starting balances and projected incomes. He plans to meet with the City’s auditor prior to the next Council meeting to prepare the state required form and prepare to set a budget hearing for early August.

G) CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
City Attorney Clayton Kerbs stated that he and his staff have been working on policies and practices for traffic cases in Municipal Court. He opened the floor for any questions the Council may have.

H) CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Ludwig discussed the following topics:

- **BTI Field Day:** BTI will be using the industrial park property for their field day July 11th.
- **Fireworks:** Fireworks are permitted each night until midnight until July 4th.
- **Sunflower RC&D:** A reimbursement check for the costs associated with the trees at the pool park has been given to the City ($11,580.86). There is a small amount of money remaining in that grant fund for the City of Greensburg, and Staff will look to use it for the purchase of other trees in the future.
- **Hail Insurance Claim:** The City received a check for $20,000 to cover the repairs to the roofs and siding at a few of our facilities. Staff will also need to have a professional come and check a few of the solar panels on City Hall to ensure they are still working. Staff will also be getting bids for new covers at the pool, which were not yet included in the insurance check.
- **Ice Storm FEMA:** The City has been fully reimbursed for the January Ice Storm. A total of $45,020.64 was reimbursed to the city ($34,598.08 – General Fund, $10,422.56- Electric).
- **Mutual Aid:** On Friday two staff members responded to a mutual aid request in Kiowa, Kansas.
- **Airport:** The City just received a copy of the signed agreement with KDOT, and will reach out to Lochner to solidify the plan for the airport going forward.
- **KOMA Changes:** Changes went into effect on July 1st regulating motions to go into an executive session. Council will now be required to include the subjects being discussed in the executive session.
- **4th of July:** City Hall will be closed tomorrow for Independence Day.
I) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
Dixson reported that he accepted a check from Sunflower RC&D, on the City's behalf, for the trees at the new pool park. Sunflower was happy to be participants in a tree project for the citizens of Greensburg.

J) ADJOURNMENT
Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Robert A. Dixson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk