Greensburg City Council
August 20, 2018
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Robert Dixson called the August 20, 2018 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION
The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and the invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Blackburn.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Trummel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jungemann and passed 5-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
Richard McVey advised Council that he has been working with City Clerk Christy Pyatt on trying to have the Greensburg Flood Plain Map re-evaluated. The last map was created in 1976, prior to the large ditch construction. After speaking to the State, Pyatt learned that Greensburg is not scheduled for a remapping. FEMA is focusing on Counties with paper maps and areas with higher development. The State recommended citizens affected work together to have their properties surveyed for lowest adjacent grade. That information would then be sent to USACE in Tulsa with a request for a calculation of the base flood elevation. With the new calculation, FEMA a Letter Of Map Amendment (LOMA) to the 1976 map that states that current surveys show the flood plain has been altered. Loaning agencies and insurance will recognize the letter of amendment when reviewing a property. McVey will be contacting other neighbors affected by the flood plain and is willing to oversee getting the survey done and submitted to Tulsa.

Reves recommended McVey speak to resident Richard Senst, as he has previously voiced having issues with the flood plain following the 2007 disaster.

E) RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS & NOMINATIONS
Council was asked to re-appoint Mitzi Hesser to the Greensburg Tree Board. They were also asked to appoint Patricia Fuller to the Tree Board. Both terms would expire May 31, 2021. The Greensburg Housing Authority has an opening to fulfill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. Council was offered the name Mike McBeath to fill that unexpired term. Christenson made a motion to appoint Mitzi Hesser and Patricia Fuller to the Tree Board for terms to expire May 31, 2021. Jungemann seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Jungemann made a motion to appoint Mike McBeath to the Housing Authority for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. Trummel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. McBeath is aware that he is eligible for reappointment at the end of this term.

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

G) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
Dixson requested that Agenda items G.1. and G.2. be switched.

1. Discuss City Administrator Recruitment Profile
In light of Council’s decision to continue looking at the open City Administrator position, Interim Administrator Jay Newton requested Council discuss their expectations for the position and offered observations of changes that could be made within the recruitment profile. Discussion was had on the accomplishments in the community and the City organization itself. Council reviewed the current position
qualifications. Newton recommended Council seek a candidate who focuses more on areas of growth and development, as opposed to public administration. He feels that City operations are sound, good budgeting is in place, and current Staff require minimal overseeing. Newton also mentioned the current minimum salary of $60,000. His experience from other communities is that the minimum should be increased to attract applicants, and he recommended the salary be left open for future discussion.

Discussion was had on the current profile and the potential of placing a greater emphasis on economic development, rather than day-to-day oversight. Christenson voiced that he would prefer that sustainability practice not be a focus within the preferred qualifications list, and that economic development be focused on instead. Dixson reminded Council that items listed are minimum qualifications. He feels that the "community marketing" portion of the profile is economic development. Newton confirmed for Kern that Marla Flente (The Austin Peters Group) was willing to help recruit someone with less of a public administration background. Newton was instructed to adjust the recruitment timetable and to make clearer that $60,000 is a base salary, with Council willing to discuss compensation for experience. Preferred Qualifications were discussed more in depth. Christenson prefers that "knowledge of sustainability practices" be removed from the list, and stated that ICMA membership is helpful but should not be a deal breaker.

Newton will work on a revised profile and bring it back for Council review. Members were encouraged to provide written suggestions to Newton or Pyatt. Christenson commented that the largest difference will be where Council advertises.

2. Discuss response to Eureka, KS tornado
During the August 6th Council meeting, Pastor Jeff Blackburn, Greensburg Mennonite Church, updated Council on the recovery efforts of Eureka, KS, following their June 27th tornado. Governing Body members have voiced to Newton their interest in providing financial assistance to the community. Dixson noted that Council donated $5,000 to the Ashland community last year following the devastating wildfire in their surrounding community; and reminded Council that Mennonite Disaster Services had assisted Greensburg greatly in 2007. Dixson proposed $5,000 from Greensburg’s tornado donations be sent to Eureka through Mennonite Disaster Services.

Pastor Blackburn was in the audience and mentioned that he had recently attended a Town Hall meeting in Eureka. Making no promises, he made them aware that Greensburg has not forgotten them.

Trummel made a motion, seconded by Jungemann, to donate $5,000 to Eureka disaster relief through Mennonite Disaster Services. The motion passed 5-0. Blackburn will deliver the check to Mennonite Disaster Services.

Council asked if there was still clean-up to be done in the community. Blackburn stated that Eureka had a cleanup day on August 18th and that he was unsure what debris remains. Trummel asked Blackburn to continue providing updates on recovery efforts.

The City annually adopts revisions to the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Uniform Public Offence Code (UPOC), which is published annually by the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) with updated from the Legislature. Christenson made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to approve Ordinance 1080 incorporating the 2018 STO and UPOC. Dixson called for a roll call vote: Christenson: Yes; Trummel: Yes; Jungemann: Yes; Reves: Yes; Kern: Yes. Motion passed 5-0.
H) CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Newton commented that he had nothing additional to report and asked if Council had any questions they would like him to respond to.

Christenson asked for an update on the switch to fiber internet and the VoIP phone system. Pyatt reported the Haviland Telephone will begin work as soon as the school project is complete. There was a delay in that project. Verizon has been contacted regarding the VoIP system and has scheduled a meeting on August 29th to determine the needs of the City and update their quote.

Trummel wished to thank Chris and Cheryl Christenson for their endless hours watering trees at the swimming pool park and asked if the Tree Board had full membership. There will be a Tree Board meeting tomorrow at City Hall. The new K-State Extension Agent would also like to be appointed to the Tree Board. The appointment will come before Council at the next meeting.

Kern asked if the police car was back in operation. Newton confirmed that it is back and that Chief Alvarcz will be resuming normal hours and enforcement.

Newton reminded Council that the next meeting will be Tuesday, September 4th, due to the City’s observance of Labor Day.

I) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
There were no further comments from the Governing Body.

J) EXECUTIVE SESSION
There was no need for an executive session.

K) ADJOURNMENT
With no further action from the Council, Dixson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Robert A. Dixson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk