Greensburg City Council
December 2, 2019
City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Matt Christenson called the December 2, 2019 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION
The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Invocation was given by Jeff Miller.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Council Present: Mike McBeath, Mark Trummel, Pam Reves, and Haley Kern. Sandy Jungemann was absent. Staff present: Administrator Stacy Barnes, City Clerk Christy Pyatt, Caitlin Matile, Tourism Director.

McBeath made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
There were no comments from citizens in attendance.

E) CONSENT AGENDA
Trummel made a motion, seconded by McBeath to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
1. Public Hearing: 2019 Budget Amendment, Big Well Fund
Previously the Council discussed the necessity of a budget amendment for the Big Well fund due to an unbudgeted payment of $100,000 toward bond principal in the refinancing process of the Big Well bond. Advertising requirements for a budget amendment public hearing have been met. Christenson opened the hearing for public comment. Hearing none, Christenson closed the public comment portion of the hearing. Reves made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Kern seconded, and the motion was approved 4-0. Barnes will advise County Clerk Kristi Cooper who will notify the state of the amendment.

2. Board Appointments:
   a. Greensburg Housing Authority: Connie Dawson, January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024
Connie Dawson was appointed to the Greensburg Housing Authority in Feb to fill an unexpired term. Dawson has confirmed she is interested in continuing to serve. Trummel made a motion to re-appoint Connie Dawson to the Greensburg Housing Authority for a term spanning January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024. Reves seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Alyssa Brown and Brenda Adams were appointed in 2019 to the Tourism Board to fill unexpired terms. Aaron Zadina has been on the board for several years. All have expressed willingness to continue to serve. Kern made a motion to re-appoint Aaron Zadina, Alyssa Brown, and Brenda Adams to the Greensburg Tourism Board for terms spanning January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024. McBeath seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.
G) CITY STAFF REPORTS
Barnes reported to Council on the following topics:

- **KHRC Moderate Income Housing Grant:** Barnes was notified by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation that the City's request for a Moderate Income Housing Grant has been approved. Gunsmoke KC Investors are working with their investors and contractors to get the build started before Christmas. They are submitting their application for Neighborhood Revitalization to the County. Barnes has received signature forms to authorize the administration of funds; however, no funds will be released until there are expenses incurred.

- **Ohio Street repair:** Staff has received recommendations from PEC on concrete thickness, reinforcement, base and joints for the Ohio street repair at the co-op scale entrance. Due to additional damage, Public Works Superintendent Mike Hayes will be placing barricades in the affected area. Repairs will stretch the entire width of the street. Hayes is gathering additional information to determine a time frame and start date.

- **Stars of Hope Bus:** Jeff Parness, New York Says Thank You Foundation, was in town November 26th with the new Stars of Hope RV. The vehicle was acquired from a local couple and will be traveling around the country taking Stars of Hope to communities affected by tragedy. The program began in Greensburg in 2007. School kids participated in a send-off. Local resident Matt Deighton is driving the RV. City of Greensburg is listed on the RV as a program partner.

- **Groups in town:** This week the VOLT program is in town. This is the 4th year for the City to host their crisis leadership training session for electrical contractors and union representatives. This evening at 7 p.m., trainees will participate in the team building “EF5 challenge” at the soda fountain. On December 10th, the City will be hosting the Leadership League of South-Central Kansas. The group will tour several sites and hear presentations by various entities within Kiowa County.

- **Chief of Police Job posting:** The application period for the Chief of Police position ended last Friday. The City has received a broader scope of applicants for the hiring committee to review.

- **Kansas Association of City Managers Conference:** Thursday and Friday Barnes will be out of the office for the annual KACM Conference, being held in Garden City this year.

- **Incubator:** Grove Chiropractic, based in Dodge City, will be opening an evening clinic, once a month, in the Incubator, beginning after first of the year.

Reves asked about the expense on the Appropriation Ordinance to Kiowa County Historical Museum for $4,500. This was a request approved by the Tourism Board. Reves has been asked by a citizen about a large amount being requested for a restaurant sign. Reves questions if that type of expense is appropriate for Tourism Funds. She voiced concern that approval of such a request would set a precedent and stressed her opinion that funds should be used for non-profit organizations. Matile acknowledged receiving a request for a significantly less amount of funds than Reves was told. The Tourism Board is to review the request at its next meeting. Matile stated that the requesting party has received partial funding from the Chamber. Kern, Council representative to the Tourism Board, stated that in the last few months the board has been examining how it spends available funds and thinking outside the box about how funds can be utilized to assist applicants. The purpose of the Tourism funds is to keep people coming to the community, ideally for overnight stays. Christenson asked for confirmation of the spending authority given to the Board by the Council. By Ordinance, the Tourism Board has the authority, at their discretion, to spend up to $5,000. Reves believed the available funds are given from the City’s General Fund. Barnes clarified that this is not the case. Available Tourism Funds are those collected by the State through the City's Transient Guest Tax, a tax collected from lodging establishments within the community. Reves cautioned the Board to be very careful to follow the spending guidelines set forth by Ordinance. Kern confirmed that the Board is aware that Ordinance
dictates the use of funds, explaining that each application received is thoroughly discussed. Tourism Board meetings are open meetings. The next will be held Monday, December 9th at 4p.m. at the Kiowa County Commons.

Trummel asked if PEC had specified how long the area being repaired on Ohio St. would need to be out of service. Barnes confirmed that this is some of the information Hayes is gathering. Barnes is continually communicating with Alliance Ag. to ensure that their operations are not hindered by repairs.

H) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
Trummel asked why the basement depression on the Bay St. Landbank property is being filled with compost. Barnes asked that question herself today. Dirt will be brought to the site and compacted.

I) ADJOURNMENT
With nothing further to discuss, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Matt Christenson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk