A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Matt Christenson called the October 5, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION
The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Invocation was given by Pastor Jon Harrison.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Council Present: Mark Trummel, Pam Reves, Chance Little, and Haley Kern. Mike McBeath was absent. Staff present: Administrator Stacy Barnes, Police Chief Aaron Webb and City Clerk Christy Pyatt.

Christenson advised that there was a need to add a 20 minute executive session for non-elected personnel to the end of the agenda. Reves made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a 20-minute executive session. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
There were no comments submitted in advance and no comments from those in attendance.

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

F) PROCLAMATION: Public Power Week, October 4-10, 2020
Christenson read a Mayoral Proclamation for Public Power Week, recognizing the Staff that make the power work. Christenson declared October 4-10, 2020 “Public Power Week” in Greensburg.

G) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
1. Receive Kerri Ulrich, Kiowa County Public Health Officer, for COVID-19 Updates
Public Health Officer Kerri Ulrich advised Council that flu shots will be available at City Hall tomorrow morning for Staff and Council.

Since Friday the state has seen an increase of 1,597 new cases and 8 new deaths. Kiowa County statistics are now: 30 cases overall, 4 current positive, 0 pending, 251 negative test, and one hospitalization. There have been 706 deaths across the state since a pandemic was declared. Ulrich provided symptom charts for those in attendance. The information is also available on the County Health Facebook page. The symptoms of COVID-19, colds, flu, and allergies overlap. In the 4 active cases, the symptoms have mimicked those of allergies. Ulrich encouraged everyone to be mindful of their bodies. With all that has been learned since March, one of the things being focused on is that people can experience reinfection every 60-90 days. Because of this, vaccination is going to be very important. A vaccine will potentially be available as early as November. This is possible because the base for the vaccine has come from the vaccine previously developed by the CDC to combat SARS. There are challenges in getting the vaccine out to the public as it must be in an extremely frozen state. In looking at national statistics, there have been a little over 300,000 positive cases in the last 7 days. Kansas was 1.5% of those cases (4,500+ cases). Ulrich finds this interesting when she considers that Kansas represents only .88% of the population of the United States.
Trummel stated that Comanche County is beginning to see some lockdowns with curbside service only once again. He asked if Kiowa County is anywhere near needing to do the same. Ulrich stated that this is not at this time due to the practices that have been put in place, particularly at the school. She believes the school’s efforts have been a core strength to our community not spreading the virus. Reves asked if flu shots for those over 65 were available yet. Those vaccines are currently available. Reves asked if someone who has had COVID in the past or has been exposed to COVID in the past is more susceptible. Ulrich stated that data is showing this to be the case. Those who have experienced COVID have weakened lungs and immune systems, causing them to be more susceptible to contracting other viruses.

H) CITY STAFF REPORTS
Barnes reported to Council on the following topics:

- **KAIP and Cost Share Grant Submissions** - The KAIP and Cost Share Grant applications have been completed. Awards for the Cost Share grant will begin in early November. KAIP notifications will be in the spring.

- **Coronavirus Relief Funds** - Barnes reminded Council that Kiowa County has received its share of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) that were allocated to state and local governments as part of the CARES Act passed by Congress earlier this year. The county has allocated a substantial portion of its CRF share to a number of grant programs intended to help local businesses, nonprofits, and individual families cope with the economic impact of the Coronavirus. Funds are available for Small Business Working Capital, Preventative Measures (PPE), and Rent/Utility Assistance. More information about the programs is available at kiowacountyks.org or email spark@kiowacountyks.org

- **Moderate Income Housing** - The Moderate Income Housing Grant application was submitted to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. Notifications will be sometime in December.

- **Census Updates**: As of now, census data collection will go through October 31. A census enumerator has been to Kiowa County. Barnes is confident that between self-responses and enumerator collections Kiowa County has a good count.

- **ITC Transmission Line Project**: Michels Power is the contractor doing a fiber line upgrade on the ITC Transmission line south of town. They have begun to bring in supplies and equipment to the land bank property at 800 W. Kansas.

Reves referenced something she had seen online regarding a transmission line that is to be constructed from Spearville to St. Louis. She asked if the line was going to impact our county. Barnes stated that it would not affect Kiowa County. Construction of the Spearville to St. Louis line was announced by the Governor last week. The potential of such a line has been a part of conversation since prior to 2007. Such a line will increase the potential for solar and wind farm development and create job opportunities.

Webb reported to Council on the following topics:

- **September Stats** - Current statistics were made available to Council in Dropbox. Fewer citations were issued in the past month, common for this time of year. Webb pointed out that, of the 85 citations issued, 33 were to Kansas drivers and only 1 was a Kiowa County resident. He has found that most local residents abide by traffic laws and drive safely.

- **Car Pursuits** - Webb was involved in 2 car pursuits in county, in September. One chase was initiated by Webb (and was previously discussed with Council). The second chase was initiated by the Sheriff's Department.

- **Armed Robbery Update** - The suspects in the Family Dollar robbery earlier in the month were taken into custody in Shawnee County. Webb has been working with both Shawnee County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. The suspects will be charged by the FBI in Federal Court.

- **Homecoming and Trunk-or-Treat** - The Police Department participated in the Homecoming
Parade and will take part in Trunk-or-Treat later this month. Candy and other items for these events were purchased with amendment funds.

- **Digiticket** – DigiTicket equipment for the City has arrived; however, Webb has not received the tablets for the Sheriff’s Office. More than likely the software will be implemented at the Sheriff’s Office after the new Sheriff takes office.
  - **Incoming Sheriff** – Web has met with incoming Sheriff Kendall Lothman and looks forward to working with him in the future.
  - **Cameras Systems** – The body and car camera systems previously approved have been ordered.
  - **Policy Changes** – Policy changes approved at the last meeting have been updated.

I) **GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**
There were no additional comments from the Council.

J) **Executive Session – 20 min – Non-elected Personnel**
Kern made a motion to go into executive session until 6:40 p.m. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Council reconvened open session with no action taken.

K) **ADJOURNMENT**
With nothing further to discuss, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Matt Christenson, Mayor

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Christy Pyatt, City Clerk