Greensburg City Council
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City Hall

A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Matt Christenson called the February 18, 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: Mike McBeath, Mark Trummel, Haley Kern, Pam Reves, and Chance Little. Staff present: Administrator Stacy Barnes, City Clerk Christy Pyatt.

Reves made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kern seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
Alesa Miller, Kiowa County Signal, advised Council this would be the last meeting she would report on. She and her husband, Pastor Jeffrey Miller, will be relocating in the coming weeks. Miller is training Kathy Koehn and Hannah Brown to take over her position.

E) CONSENT AGENDA
Trummel made a motion, seconded by Reves, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
1. Public Hearing: Participation in Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program
At 6:03 p.m. Christenson called to order the required public hearing regarding the City's continued participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program. Barnes stated that to continue participation in the program, the City is required to hold the public hearing and approve two ordinances, provided in the meeting packet. Approval of the ordinances would continue the program for 10 additional years. A program description was included in the meeting packet.

Christenson opened the hearing for public comment, of which there were none. Hearing no additional comments from the Council, Christenson closed the public hearing.

2. Ordinance #1091 Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement
Kern made a motion, seconded by McBeath, to approve Ordinance 1091, an Interlocal Agreement for participation in the County's Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Christenson called for a roll call vote: Kern: yes; Reves: yes; Trummel: yes; McBeath: yes; Little: yes. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Ordinance #1092 Adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan & Designating NRP Area
Trummel made a motion, seconded by McBeath, to approve Ordinance 1092, adopting the County's NRP and designating properties contained within city limits as an NRP area. Christenson called for a roll call vote: Little: yes; McBeath: yes; Trummel: yes; Reves: yes; Kern: yes. Motion passed 5-0. Council was asked to complete the required signature form following tonight's meeting.
4. Trash/Recycling Service Discussion: Review of Proposed Service Pricing
Barnes reminded Council that they were previously offered a new sanitation contract by Nisly Brothers, beginning January 2021. At Council’s request, Staff reached out for additional pricing offers. Barnes introduced Hershel and Doug, representing Waste Connections/North End Disposal. A pricing offer was available in the meeting packet. Hershel stated that the pricing offer could be guaranteed for 2 years, but due to the capital investment required to provide service they would require a minimum 5-year contract. New carts and containers would be provided, and the same single-stream recycling program the city currently has would be offered. Waste Connections would yearly offer a city-wide curbside cleanup Saturday. Services to City facilities would be free. A holiday pickup schedule would be provided, allowing for pickup that same week. Sanitation trucks would come from the Dodge City area. A list of city and county references can be available upon request.

Kern asked if the company generally offers a single-stream recycle program. Hershel stated that they currently provide the service to customers in Wichita and in Scott County. Recycling is processed at a location in South Hutchinson. Little questioned the price difference for a poly-cart used in residential vs. a commercial setting. Hershel stated that the carts are the same; however, the company assumes that the waste contents from a commercial setting will weigh more than those of a residence.

Christenson confirmed for Hershel that the pricing offered is comparable to what the Council has seen. Council tabled the discussion, asking Staff to provide a comparison of the current contract and both proposals that have been presented, using the current number of users.

5. 2019 Wind Energy Credits Report
A copy of the City’s 2019 Wind Energy Credits Report was provided in the meeting packet. 100% of the city’s energy usage was derived from wind energy. Reves encouraged Barnes to publish that information in the utility bill newsletter so that citizens will realize this is still the case. Christenson noted that the original agreement for wind energy credits was for 20 years, with approximately ½ of the term remaining.

6. Street Sweeping Agreement with City of Haviland
Last year the City assisted the City of Haviland with street sweeping for a street project they were doing. The Mayor of Haviland has requested Staff continue to assist them in this area. A contract was provided in the meeting packet; however, City Attorney Clayton Kerbs has requested that item #6 be removed. Haviland is in agreement, and a revised contract was emailed out to Council before the meeting. Within the terms of the contract, Greensburg Staff would sweep all paved streets in Haviland twice a year, at a rate of $90/hour. Barnes confirmed that paved streets are in a very limited area. Staff time is estimated at about 1 day. The streetsweeper would be roaded over, with a second employee following it in a pickup. The City does not own a trailer heavy enough to haul the sweeper.

Little asked what the actual cost to the city was to provide the service. The pricing was determined prior to the work done last year and remains unchanged. Barnes did not have a breakdown of costs readily available. She explained that the City’s costs would be covered by the contracted fee, but that the project was more an act of goodwill rather than a revenue generator. There was a brief conversation about exploring ways to haul the sweeper down the highway, rather than drive it. The consensus was that this would not be cost effective.

Reves made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to approve the revised contract. Motion passed 4-1 (Little voting against).
G) CITY STAFF REPORTS

Barnes reported to Council on the following topics:

- **Airport Development**: KDOT has another grant opportunity open currently to fund all types of transportation projects including roadway (on and off the state system), rail, airport, bicycle/pedestrian, and public transit. This is a cost share program that requires a minimum of 40% local match. Barnes is working with Lochner to submit applications for airport infrastructure improvements (electric, water and sewer) related to future business and hangar development and also for runway paving.

- **Ohio Street Repair**: Concrete was poured today for the Ohio Street repair next to the Co-op. The project needs to cure for approximately 10 days before being open to traffic.

- **PIC Benefits Update**: Rhonda Fernandez, the City’s benefits consultant, visited this morning to see if we had any questions and to give some updates. Council has been given a copy of the monthly report Barnes is receiving regarding HR, benefits and health tips.

- **Chief of Police**: Chief Aaron Webb began work on a part-time basis starting February 5th. He will be here a couple of days a week until he gets moved to town. Pyatt, Webb and Barnes met last Friday with City Judge Philip Moore and City Attorney Clayton Kerbs for an introduction and to discuss court. Municipal Court is held the 2nd Friday of the month at 1:30 pm.

- **Pet Registration Clinic**: Thursday, February 20th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. is our annual pet registration and vaccination clinic at the Greensburg office of Dodge City Veterinary Clinic. Suleenia Trent, Utility Billing Clerk, will be at the clinic to take pet registrations and give out tags as pets get vaccinated.

- **2020 Census**: Staff continues using tools that the League of Kansas Municipalities has provided to promote the 2020 Census. Barnes has printed informational postcards to distribute at locations such as the library, post office and senior center. She will be going to the Senior Center, along with Cassie Gamble, head librarian, to talk about the census and answer any questions.

Trummel asked if there was a cost share agreed upon between the co-op and the City for the street repair being done at Ohio and Main. Barnes advised that the quote for the work came in lower than expected and that the City is covering the cost. Trummel then asked if Chief Webb had any leads on a place to live. Barnes advised that he had potentially located a place. Trummel asked Barnes to convey to Webb that he was ready to help him move in if he needed it.

H) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Kern advised that after looking over the census information that has been provided, and realizing the potential loss of funds to the community if there is an undercount, she had applied to assist with the census. She was advised that elected officials are ineligible to apply. She encouraged the Council to urge others in the community to apply.

Little asked if the City had a certified inspector enforcing adopted building codes. He was advised by Pyatt that currently the City does not have enough work to warrant a full-time inspector. Utility Superintendent Mick Kendall, though not a certified inspector, has knowledge in all of the trades (electric, plumbing, and mechanical) as well as of building requirements. Kendall has been willing to perform inspections as needed. If he has a concern, he references the adopted code books or has the ability to contact Robert Walker, a longtime certified inspector who was formerly employed as the City's full-time building inspector. Walker continues to donate his time as the City's plan reviewer and to offer code instruction as needed. Little asked how much liability the city was creating by not having a certified inspector sign off on inspections. Pyatt advised that this is a common practice and issue in small communities who have chosen to adopt and enforce building standards. A few years ago, Staff had reached out to certified inspectors in Dodge City and Pratt, who each declined the City's request for an as-needed inspector, due to the volume of work in their respective cities. During the construction of the
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city pool, the City hired a third-party inspector out of Wichita, recommended by Walker, to oversee inspections on the project. Kendall assisted when the inspector was not available and helped monitor the project. Barnes will confer with the City Attorney regarding legal liability and offered that Staff could reach out to Dodge City and Pratt again.

I) EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive session in accordance with K.S.A 7-4319(b) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. 20 minutes
Reves made a motion to go into executive session until 7:00 p.m. for matters of non-elected personnel. Trummel seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Council returned to open session at 7:00 p.m. with no action taken.

J) ADJOURNMENT
With nothing further to discuss, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Matt Christenson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk