A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Matt Christenson called the August 17, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Christenson asked that a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel be added at the end of tonight’s agenda. McBeath made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition. Trummel seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
There were no comments submitted in advance and nothing submitted prior to the meeting.

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

F) APPOINTMENTS: Greensburg Housing Authority – 2 Positions Open to Fill Unexpired Terms:
Term through December 31, 2022; Term through December 31, 2023
Names for consideration: Linda Durham, Katie Lee Harrison, Jason Irvin
Council was asked to consider a pair of appointments to the Greensburg Housing Authority. The first appointment was to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2022 and the second a term through December 31, 2023. Three names were offered for consideration: Linda Durham, Katie Lee Harrison, and Jason Irvin. Reves asked for clarification on candidates. Verification was provided that Irvin was previously appointed to the board but had resigned. Kern made a motion, seconded by Little, to appoint Linda Durham to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2022 and Katie Lee Harrison to the term ending December 31, 2023. The motion passed 5-0.

G) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
1. Receive Kerri Ulrich, Kiowa County Public Health Officer, for COVID-19 Updates
Kiowa County Public Health Officer Kerri Ulrich provided a COVID-19 update. Kiowa County has 8 total cases, with only 1 of those being an active case. Governor Kelley issued an executive order extending the moratorium on mortgage foreclosures and rental agreement terminations. Ulrich provided the most current report on case numbers for Edwards, Pratt, Ford, Comanche, and Sedgwick Counties. She has received questions regarding mask requirements and school children. Ulrich’s recommendation is for parents to use whatever type of mask they can get their kids to wear. Short of wearing full PPE nothing will provide 100% protection from the virus.

Kern asked if the State was any closer to differentiating between total and active cases? Ulrich reported that officials continue to move in that direction. She hopes to have more accurate data after schools reopen. Ulrich mentioned that a new, inexpensive saliva test for COVID-19 is being fast tracked through the FDA. Hopefully this will also assist in the collection of more accurate case numbers.
When asked about the current active case, Ulrich confirmed that all contacts of that patient have been notified and their symptoms are being tracked. She reminded Council that approximately 40% of cases in the state are asymptomatic. She encouraged residents to pay attention to their bodies. Case numbers are expected to go up once school begins, not just here, but in surrounding areas.

2. **2021 Budget Public Hearing**

Christenson called to order the advertised public hearing for the 2021 Budget. The hearing was opened for public comment. No written comments were received prior to the meeting; and, so far, there have been none received on the meeting’s live feed. There were no comments from those in attendance. The hearing remained open for comment until 6:15 p.m. During this time Christenson opened the meeting up for questions from Council. There were no questions from the Council or online viewers. Barnes advised that the document must be signed by all Council Members once approved and to the County Clerk’s Office by August 25th. The mill levy has remained nearly the same for the last 2 years and has seen very little change in last 10 years. Christenson closed public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Kern made a motion to approve the 2021 budget as published. McBeath seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

3. **Greensburg Tourism Board, Wayfinding Signage Purchase**

The Greensburg Tourism Board recently approved the purchase of new wayfinding signs. Some of the current signs are starting to show age and are weathering. Updates to the text and graphics have been made. The purchase exceeds the Board’s $5,000 spending authority. A quote and design proof were provided in the meeting packet. The current signs have proven to be very durable over the approximately 6 years they have been out. McBeath made a motion, seconded by Trummel, to approve the purchase. The motion passed 5-0.

4. **Discussion Regarding Dirt Bikes on City Streets**

Chief Webb advised that he recently reviewed the City’s Special Vehicle Code, due to some questions that have come up. Dirt bikes are not addressed in the current code. These bikes fall below the State’s requirements for highway driving. Webb asked if dirt bikes were something that Council did or did not want on city streets. Trummel asked if there had been any questions about their use from the public. Webb stated that he had received concerns, primarily regarding juvenile drivers. He stated that the bikes are not street legal in most jurisdictions. At a minimum Webb would like to see juveniles be required to wear helmets. Webb has recently had parents ask if the bikes were allowed. More specifically, parents have asked if juveniles are allowed to drive them from their residence in town to the country. Trummel pointed out that dirt bike generally do not have lights. Little asked if the bikes would fall under the code’s recreational off-highway vehicles 2,000 lbs. or less. Webb clarified that code is specifically referencing vehicles with 4 wheels. McBeath voiced that he feels dirt bikes are not made for city streets and do not have adequate safety equipment for city driving. Webb voiced concern of their usage with the majority of intersections in town being uncontrolled.

Consensus of the Council was to prohibit dirt bikes on city streets. Staff will bring an ordinance amending the code to the next Council meeting. Kern asked for clarification on which motorized scooters are not allowed. Webb stated that standup scooters, hoverboards, razors, and electric scooters are not allowed. Motorized scooters with seats are legal, as are self-powered scooters.

H) **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

Barnes reported to Council on the following topics:

- **Coronavirus Relief Funds Updates**: The plan for SPARK Round 1 fund use has been submitted for approval to the State by the County. The Kansas Department of Commerce has announced Round 2 grants that are available to fund 10 different grant programs. Many of the programs offered do not
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apply to our area. Barnes has shared this opportunity with businesses and non-profits across the county so they are aware of it. Applications open Wednesday, August 19 at Noon. All of the program info can be found at kansascommerce.gov/covidrelief.

- **Apple Tree Project**: The Greensburg Police Department is again organizing the Apple Tree project to provide school supplies to local students. There are still a few apples available to “pick” off the tree in the City Hall lobby. Purchased supplies need to be returned by Monday, August 24th.
- **Ride Along Insurance**: Since the last meeting, Barnes has confirmed with the City’s insurance carrier that the ride along and explorer programs are included in the City’s current Police Department coverage. EMC also has copies of the program policies for both and has harmless agreements on file.
- **2020 Census**: September 30th will be the end date for census counts. Current reported percentages are: Kansas - 67.8%, Kiowa County - 53.9%, and Greensburg - 59.2%. An accurate Census count is very important. It sets population data for the next 10 years, which affects our legislative representation and many funding opportunities. Barnes encouraged the Governing Body to complete the census if they have not and encouraged as many Kiowa County residents as possible to do the same. It can be completed at my2020census.gov.
- **Lineman Intern**: Cale Thompson has completed his necessary hours for the lineman internship program through PCC and has transitioned to Lineman Apprentice. He will begin the KMU Apprentice Training program when the next round begins in October.
- **MIH Duplexes update**: Barnes has spoken with Cindy Schmidt regarding the current status of the MIH duplex project. They have encountered some delays in getting supplies needed due to COVID-19. It is their hope to have the project completed by the end of September. An open house will be planned when Schmidt is more confident on a completion date. Those interested in rental information may contact Schmidt directly.
- **Office of Rural Prosperity Virtual Meeting**: The Lieutenant Governor’s Office of Rural Prosperity is holding virtual meetings to gather feedback on issues facing rural Kansas. The Southwest Kansas virtual meeting will be held Tuesday, August 25th at 5:30pm. Barnes will be participating, and others are welcome to join in.
- **Public Works Activities**: Public Works Employees have been mowing, edging, making transformer repairs, performed a fire hydrant replacement, poured concrete and placed asphalt for the street repair by the courthouse, and responded to electric and water call outs Sunday due to the storm. The approved planer attachment was scheduled to ship today.
  - The next City Council meeting will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th due to the Labor Day holiday on that Monday.

Kern mentioned the significant amount of community funding that would be lost per household that is not counted in the census. Barnes also stressed the importance of an accurate count, explaining that some agencies have been making population predictions for Kiowa County using census data that included the 2007 tornado related population decline ratio. Using that data, predictions show Kiowa County as nearly completely vacant within the next 20 years, a very inaccurate picture with significant funding consequences for all entities in the County. Barnes is aware that there are some door-to-door census employees working in other communities. Barnes anticipates the same in Greensburg in the near future.

I) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Kern has received positive feedback on mosquito spraying that has been done. Reves noted Staff had been out painting parking lines.
J) EXECUTIVE SESSION – MATTERS OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL (10 MINUTES)
Kern made a motion to go into executive session until 6:45 p.m. for non-elected personnel. Trummel seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Council returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. with no action taken.

K) ADJOURNMENT
With nothing further to discuss, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Matt Christenson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk