

City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2016

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Steve Shepard called the Regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Jesse Knight, Sharon Jones, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, and Sharon Haun. Betty Hughey was absent. City Administrator Danny Matthews and City Attorney Randy Heilman were also present. Others attending were: Diane Wolfe, Kay Hutchinson, Robert Herbig, Gary Catlin, Fred Miller, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Craig McNeal, Megan Glotzbach, and Kelly Gaston.

Mayor Steve Shepard took a few moments to explain the new format for the City Council meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I**

Fred Miller noted that he would like the city to look into adding more lights to the Union Street and Main Street intersection. Mr. Miller felt that there was not enough lighting at night to see pedestrians. Mayor Steve Shepard will have Chief Stone look into it.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- A. Transfers:
  - I-17A from Todd C. Sliski and Christina Sliski to Todd C. Sliski Revocable Living Trust, Manhattan, KS.
  - C-1 from Richard L. and Karen A. Waring Trust to Randy Alan Barth and Katie Ann Barth, Topeka, KS.
  - C-40 from Constance P. Acker Liv. Trust to Brandt J. & Shelia M. Rudzinski, Fort Collins, CO.
- B. February 16, 2016 Minutes.
- C. February 16, 2016 to Current Appropriations.
- D. Riverwalk use request, from Angela Schwerdtfeger, to host movies at the Riverwalk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the Month starting June 10<sup>th</sup> and ending October 14<sup>th</sup>, excluding Voices of the Wind on 9/9/16.
- E. Street Light Request.
- F. Approval of "Change of zoning classification ordinance" voted on at the previous meeting. This will be Ordinance number 2175.

The Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. CITY LAKE ASSOCIATION.**

City Lake Association President Robert Herbig noted that there are three big areas of change at the City Lake Association. The first one is the City Lake Master Plan that was completed, and will be voted on March 26, 2016. Mr. Herbig noted that the Master Plan will guide the City Lake for years to come. The second one is the Marketing Committee, which is working with Council Grove groups to bring a new hotel to Council Grove in hopes of improving the economic environment. The third one is the water Conservation and Management committee, which was created to maintain level of the lake, and the quality of the water source. The committee is ready to meet with the City's Utility Committee. Mr. Herbig noted on March 22, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., the Water Conservation and Management Committee will be presenting at the Council Grove High School to Mr. Finch's Class.

**C. RIVERWALK IMPROVEMENT BID AND RESOLUTION.**

Jeff Blosser noted that the Riverwalk Committee recommended the approval of the bid of \$600,882.30 from Bryant & Bryant Construction, Inc. Councilman Blosser noted that the 20% portion the city would pay is \$131,000.00, with those funds coming from local donations and grants. The remaining balance will come from federal funds. City Administrator Danny Matthews noted that as of right now, the Riverwalk Committee has raised \$125,000.00. Councilmember Haun noted that an additional \$5,000 had been raised, leaving only \$6,000 needed. Jessie Knight made a motion to approve Mayor Steve Shepard and City Administrator Danny Matthews to sign the KDOT Resolution awarding Bryant & Bryant Construction, Inc. the bid. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried. This will be Resolution Number 030116-01.

**D. EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS. POLICE OFFICER AND CLERK**

Mayor Steve Shepard appointed Eric Smith as a Municipal Court Clerk at \$10.50 per hour and Jason Bacon as a Class B Police Officer at \$15.65 per hour. Jessie Knight made a motion to confirm the appointments. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Jeff Blosser noted that on March 22 at 6:00 P.M. at the Council Grove High School Auditorium, Mr. Finch's class will be hosting a Water Conservation Conference. Water conservation experts from around the state will be presenting at the conference. The class is hosting this conference as a class project because they see the importance of conserving the water source.

Councilman Blosser noted that the Recreation Committee will meet this Thursday, March 3, 2016. They will be discussing moving up the sign-up days for Baseball and Softball to March 24, 2016. The recreation committee is hoping to have a draft day on March 26, 2016 to allow time for the coaches and team members to meet.

Mark Brooks noted that 2021 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail, and in 2017 the Santa Fe Trail Committee will be deciding the host city. Councilman Brooks requested that the Mayor appoint a task force to get Council Grove as the host city.

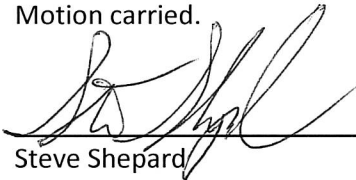
Randy Heilman noted that 11 lease holders are in default and would like the authority to move forward. Mark Brooks made a motion to allow Randy Heilman to move forward. Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

City Attorney Heilman noted he will be absent at the next council meeting.

Mayor Steve Shepard noted the city needs to think about the budget as that will be coming up soon. Mayor Shepard noted that there was a fire at Quality Profile, and what could have been a disaster turned into an event. Mayor Shepard thanked the Police, Firemen, and EMT for their quick response.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff Blosser made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Jones seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

  
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Steve Shepard Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Danny Matthews City Administrator

