

Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2015

1. **Council President Roger Jensen called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:35pm.** Present were Council Members Bruce Swihart, Carla Lampe and Amanda Milne. Also present were City Superintendent JR Landenberger, Police Chief Shane Guggenmos and City Clerk Lila Whitmore. Mayor Scott Schultz, City Attorney Mike Day and Council member Paula Keller were absent. There was no public comment on the 2016 budget or the 2015 EMS Building Maintenance Fund amended budget. It was moved by Amanda and seconded by Bruce to approve the 2016 published budget. Swihart, aye; Lampe, aye; Milne, aye. Motion passed. It was moved by Carla and seconded by Amanda to approve the 2015 EMS Building Maintenance Fund published amended budget. Swihart, aye; Lampe, aye; Milne, aye. Motion passed.
2. **Council President Roger Jensen called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:40pm.**
3. **Minutes** from the July 27 meeting were distributed and read. It was moved by Carla and seconded by Amanda to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.
4. **Consent Agenda:** It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda: Permission for Clerk to pay insurance at time of billing; Permission for Clerk to pay utilities at time of billing; Permission for Clerk to pay utility incentives before the 25th of the month; Permission for Clerk to pay theater bills when due. Motion passed.
5. **Visitors: None**
6. **Police Report:** **a)** Chief Guggenmos reported that the burglary at the U-Save Liquor Store had been solved and the case filed with the County Attorney. **b)** Two of the sheriff deputies have resigned leaving only two remaining. This is causing some difficulties with coverage. Shane and Wes are currently covering 7 days a week either on shift or on call. The County has advertised and plans to fill both vacant positions. There was some discussion about possibly hiring another police officer. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting when the full Council will be in attendance. **c)** Shane shared photos he had taken of trailers parked on the City streets per the Council request at the last meeting. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Amanda to accept and file the Police Report. Motion passed. Chief Guggenmos left the meeting.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Verizon Wireless Lease** – Superintendent Landenberger talked about the lease agreement with Verizon Wireless. Verizon’s request to the Council is for authorization to build onsite where the water tower is should the water tower ever fail. JR recommended against this as it is City property and also there would not be space for it. The Council authorized JR to contact a lease advisor for estimates for their services to assist in creating a lease agreement that could be used for Verizon as well as other similar contracts.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Trash – Review of Ordinance #597 and Waiver Application.** After discussion the Council agreed that there were some changes that needed to be made to the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Milne will contact Attorney Day regarding these changes.
 - b. **Property Cleanup** – **a)** It was reported that Royce Neitzel has appeared before the judge and received an extension until September to clean up the property at 606 S. River. **b)** Ted McCoy has been sent letters with regards to cleanup of the Empire Hotel as well as his property at 417 E. Jackson. **c)** Shane was called back to the meeting to discuss unlicensed inoperable vehicles parked on City streets. Shane will take an inventory of these as he did for the trailers. **d)** The Council asked Chief Guggenmos if he had checked into the complaint of Ted McCoy keeping exotic animals at the Empire Hotel. Shane stated that none of the animals Mr. McCoy has (turtles, small alligator, monitor lizard) are on the list of exotic animals in the City Code book. However, because of the reported offensive odor at the Motel the Council requested JR, as the City’s Health Officer, inspect the property. Chief Guggenmos left the meeting.
 - c. **“Friends of the Park” Update** – Carla reported that the soda blasting of the playground equipment was finished. The next step is to level the area and remove the grass.
 - d. **Bandshell Sail Shades** – Carla confirmed with JR that Miller and Associates will be able to complete an engineering review of the plans.
 - e. **New Pool Update** – Clerk Whitmore informed the Council that the \$75,000 that had been encumbered in 2012 for the construction of the new pool was no longer on the encumbrances list. A motion is required each year to re-encumber the funds and this had not been done. It was moved by

Bruce and seconded by Carla to encumber \$75,000 for the New Pool. Motion passed. There was some discussion regarding encumbering additional funds but no decisions were made. This topic will remain on the agenda for future meetings.

- 9. Pool Report:** Bruce reported that the pool will be closing for the season on August 14th. The pool board held a meeting on August 4th. Pool Manager Forrest Burr believes several of the guards will be interested in returning next year. She also made some suggestions for repairs and improvements. It was moved by Amanda and seconded by Carla to accept and file the pool report. Motion passed.
- 10. Building Permits:** The following permits were presented to the Council for approval: Larry Brunow – 403 N. Denison, fence; Jenik Oil Co. – 201 E. Washington, lean-to, fence and gutter repair; Jeff Meyer – 429 E. Emerson, concrete.
- 11. Superintendent Report:** **a)** It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Amanda to authorize JR to purchase an enclosed trailer not to exceed \$2,000. Motion passed. **b)** The insurance adjuster has inspected all of the buildings but JR has not yet seen the report. **c)** BSB will begin work on the sewer dykes on August 17th. JR reiterated that this does not include the leveling system which will also need to be completed at some point. **d)** JR informed the Council that grant funds thru CDBG will not be available for water projects unless our meter/water rates are increased to the state averages. **e)** JR indicated that we should see a \$6,000 capacity credit on the July bill from Prairieland/Sunflower Electric. **f)** The Council approved the purchase of polo shirts with the City logo for JR and Jen Blair, City Treasurer. It was moved by Amanda and seconded by Bruce to accept and file the Superintendent Report. Motion passed.
- 12. Attorney Report:** none
- 13. Clerk Report – a)** Clerk Whitmore gave everyone a copy of a letter from the League of Kansas Municipalities encouraging governing body members to thank their legislators for their service and support of local government. **b)** The City received a franchise fee from Eagle Communications for \$807.54. **c)** The City made a payment to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the amount of \$15,638.98 for the sewer loan. **d)** Blue Cross Blue Shield will be presenting a program on Heart Health Thursday at 1:00pm at the High School cafeteria. City Employees will be required to attend as part of the City’s wellness initiative. **e)** Lila let the Council know that Amanda Milne, as the Council’s representative for the Theater Board, will begin presenting a theater report at Council meetings. **f)** Clerk Whitmore has made attempts to contact Kay and Rodney Shay to request they attend a Council meeting to discuss the real estate business they are now running out of their home. The Council had previously felt a zoning variance would be needed but the Shays need to bring this before the Council. Clerk Whitmore will continue attempts to reach out to them. **g)** The Council gave permission for Lila to offer employees information regarding AirMedCare Network. This is an alliance of air ambulance companies, including EagleMed, which offers insurance coverage that will pay for any air ambulance fees over and above what health insurance covers. There are group rates available if we have enough employees interested. This is an employee elective and there would be no cost to the City. It was moved by Carla and seconded by Amanda to accept and file the Clerk report. Motion passed.
- 14. Council comments:**
 - Amanda - none
 - Carla – requested to keep the electrical infrastructure topic on the agenda for future meetings to ensure that progress is being made.
 - Bruce – none
 - Roger – asked if there was any news on possible new internet services in the community. JR stated that S&T had expressed some interest in bringing the service here but nothing specific.
- 15.** All bills on Ordinance #981 were reviewed. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to approve the bills in the amount of \$179,561.26. Motion passed.
- 16.** At 9:30pm it was moved by Carla and seconded by Amanda to adjourn to executive session for 10 minutes for personnel. At 9:40pm the Council came out of executive session. No action was taken.
- 17. Adjournment:** It was moved by Amanda and seconded by Carla to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.