City Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Mark Brooks, Chris Thomas, Mark Berner, Keith Wessel, Larry Siegrist and Sharon Haun, City Attorney Steve Iverson and City Administrator Nick Jones was also present. Others attending were: Marcus Hernandez, Pastor Billy Kryger Angie Schwerdtfeger, Diane Wolfe, Brad Valentine

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Brad Valentine Plant Manager of Rex Materials addressed the City Council regarding the recent water rate increases approved by the City Council. Mr. Valentine said he expects an annual increase of $50,000 dollars in water expenses and is concerned about the impact on Rex materials. The City Council agreed to meet with Rex Materials to discuss the issue in further detail.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- January 21, 2020 Minutes
- January 21, 2020 to Current Appropriations

The Council voted 5-0 in favor – Councilperson Mark Brooks abstained

OLD BUSINESS

- 510 Walnut Street
  City Inspector James Masters gave an update on the progress made on repairs to the garage roof located at 510 Walnut Street. Inspector Masters said he spoke with the owner and he is working on getting the needed materials to finish the repairs. The owner did not have a time-line to get the materials. Councilperson Mark Berner inquired about the options for repair and if it could be assessed to the taxes. City Attorney Steve Iverson stated that is an option along with demoing the garage. Councilperson Mark Brooks suggested giving 30 days to repair the remaining portion of the roof. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to give until March 3rd to finish repairing the roof and if not completed start court proceedings. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. The motion passed 6 – 0
- 912 Welch Street
  City Inspector James Masters gave an update on the progress made on repairs to the garage located at 912 Welch Street. Inspector Masters informed the Council he did an evaluation of the garage over hang and informed the Council it is not repairable. Councilperson Mark Brooks inquired if the overhang on the garage was removed would the structure be in compliance. Inspector Masters informed the Council the structure would be in compliance if the overhang was removed. Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to have the City crew remove the overhang on the garage and assess it to the property taxes. The motion was seconded by councilperson Chris Thomas. Motion passes 6- 0

NEW BUSINESS

- **2020 DK Race - Leland Dains**
  Leland Dains was unable to attend and will be moved to the next Council meeting

- **Recreation Committee Recommendation – Recreation Fees**
  Recreation Director Justin Carlson reviewed the fee increases recommended by the Recreation Committee. Director Carlson did an evaluation of community's in the area and compared them to Council Grove Recreation fees. Director Carlson informed the Council that we are at the bottom of like sized town in fees. Councilperson Chris Thomas

made a recommendation to accept rate increases as presented in the packet. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0

- **Recreation Committee Recommendation**
  Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Amy Lif to Recreation Assistant at a pay rate of $12.00. The appointment is contingent on passing a background check, drug/alcohol screening and physical. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to accept the appointment of Amy Lif. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. The motion passed 6 - 0

- **Audit Engagement Letter – Cindy Jensen**
  City Administrator Nick Jones reviewed the Audit Engagement Letter from Cindy Jensen and noted that the fee was $11,000 because of the difficulty of the 2018 Audit. The Audit could be less depending on the amount of time spent on it. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to accept the Audit Engagement letter as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion passed 6 - 0

- **Water and Sewer Ordinance**
  City Attorney Steve Iverson presented the Water and Sewer Ordinance to the Council for approval. The Ordinance puts the recently approved rate increases into effect start March 1, 2020. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilperson Chris Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 – 0 Ordinance #2229

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Councilperson Sharon Haun thanked the City crews for removing the bushes Madonna and inquired about the progress on the project for Chip N Seal on 177/56. City Administrator Jones updated the Council of the timeline of the project and should start July/August 2020.
- City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that the Boy Scout Cabin has been added to the State registry for Historic Places. Administrator Jones also informed the Council of the upcoming Lake Annexation on February 11, 2020 at 6pm.
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger for a confirmation for the appointment of Jason Zeigler to the Planning/Zoning Committee and Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to accept the appointment. Councilperson Chris Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed 6 - 0

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Chris Thomas seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones City Administrator

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