

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2016**

The Council of the City of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30 p.m. in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Marty Southard presiding.

Council Members Steve Town, Dave Maddax, Jean Carder, Carol Aust,
David Cannon
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney Kelly Stohs
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Press John VanPelt
Visitors Lesley Rigney, Denise Ellison, Jeff McKerrow, Beth Dawson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember Carol Aust and carried 5-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the June 6, 2016 Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

VISITORS

Lesley Rigney with the Miami County Conservation Commission spoke to the Council and is asking for Louisburg to join other area communities to help fill the local match requirement for Hillsdale Lake and associated Watershed on a \$390,000 grant they have been awarded to reduce the amount of phosphorous entering the lake. Miami County and Johnson County have each committed to contributing \$10,000 /year, as well as \$2,500/year commitments from: Spring Hill, Gardner, Paola and Edgerton. Hillsdale Watershed is important to Louisburg since it is part of the water source for the PUA and our drinking water. Phosphorous contributes to the growth of algae, which contributes to taste and odor issues with the water. Additional issues can be contribution to blue algae, which prevents

recreational use of the lake as well as causing fish kill and added problems with water quality and treatment. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to make the commitment of \$2,500.

Denise Ellison spoke to the Council regarding the upcoming John Norton Memorial Poker Tournament. Ellison is asking for a family pool pass for a silent auction item. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to donate a family pool pass good for 2016 or 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT

City Attorney Kelly Stohs told the Council she attended two training sessions last week for municipalities. Stohs said a case was dismissed regarding a lawsuit.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Town: Councilmember Steve Town asked what we were doing with tree limbs that are blocking intersections and/or signs. City Administrator Nathan Law said contact city offices and we will take care of the limbs.

Councilmember Carder: Councilmember Jean Carder said there is a need for more pool chairs. Carder suggested adding that into next year's budget.

Councilmembers agreed with the planning commission to move the planning meetings to 6:30 to match other city meetings.

Carder asked about parking at Summerfield Farms. Is this supposed to be parking on one side only? City Administrator Law said he would ask Anne Smith of the Planning Commission and Rusty Whitham look into this matter.

Carder asked about a twitter policy. City Administrator Nathan Law said the city does not have a twitter account, but we do have an ethics policy for staff and elected officials in place for the City of Louisburg.

Carder said she has been looking into the comments that Gary Brown brought to the last meeting regarding Cracker Barrel being turned away by the City. Most Cracker Barrel restaurant locations have at least a population of 20,000, if it was less than that most were in a suburb off an interstate. Louisburg does not fit those criteria in her opinion.

Councilmember Cannon: Councilmember David Cannon asked when the street project would be completed. City Administrator Nathan Law said they are making good progress it should be finished within 2-3 weeks.

Councilmember Maddax: Councilmember Dave Maddax had been to the pool and talked to Angie. She would like sprinklers at the kiddie end of the pool and he thought that was a great idea. Councilmember Jean Carder said there are sprinklers there, but if it is windy, they cannot be on.

Administrator Law told the Council that repairs are complete on the diving board. The decking on the stairs is being corrected.

Councilmember Aust: Councilmember Carol Aust had seen in the Miami County Republican an article regarding the County Commissioners and building in Miami County.

Aust asked what is being done about the sign issues. City Administrator said he is working on it now. Aust would like to put signs up all over her property. Signs is what draws people to her business.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem: Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Jean Carder and carried 4-0-1 (Town abstained) to have Councilmember Steve Town as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

Olsson Associates - Broadway Street Plan: Jeff McKerrow from Olsson Associates presented the final report for the Downtown Broadway Complete Street Green Street project financed in part through the Metropolitan Area Regional Council and their Planning Sustainable Places funds. There are 3 different options to consider. From start to finish, the project will take around a year and a half. MARC hopes that the City is happy with the plans provided. Mayor Southard thanked them for all the work they put into the plans. The Council received and filed presentation.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Request for Qualifications/Proposals: City Administrator Nathan Law presented a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Consulting Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan. Councilmembers had discussion regarding the differences of RFQ vs RFP. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to approve going with an RFP plan.

Text Amendment 16001-TXA: City Administrator Nathan Law presented an Ordinance (1062) for a Text Amendment under Case No. 16001-TXA, changing Zoning Regulations. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard to sign Ordinance 1062.

Special Use Permit: City Administrator Law presented Ordinance 1063 for Special Use Permit Case No. 16002 for property located at 706 South Metcalf Road, for a communications equipment building. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Jean Carder and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard to sign Ordinance 1063.

Building Permit Waiver: Administrator Law presented Ordinance 1064 for waiving building permit fees for new residential dwellings for a period of 6 months, from July 1 to December 31, 2016. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard to sign Ordinance 1064.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 p.m. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk