

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 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 Charity Keitel
Visitors Sam Long

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jean Carder asked if on the bills list under Partners Print and Copy was this for maps of the cemetery sign. City Administrator Nathan Law said he would find out. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the July 5, 2016 Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Long at a previous meeting asked for permission to close Broadway on Saturday, October 22, 2016 for a Car Show. Long has contacted each business owner on Broadway, they are all in favor of the car show. The strip mall on Broadway and 68 Hwy will remain open along with all side streets. Long only

needs Broadway closed from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 5-0, to allow the event. Councilmember Steve Town also asked that he fills out the special event application and pays the \$75. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Nathan Law met with three different firms that came to a questions/answers session earlier today regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Town: Councilmember Town asked if the City was planning to publish the timeline for the intersection of K68-Metcalf. Administrator Nathan Law said he anticipated getting the bids in July and contract confirmation in August. The plan is to keep K-68 open and close North and South Metcalf. Law has met with the school district along with the bus company and everyone will help get the word out. Councilmember Jean Carder suggested we contact Walmart Distribution Center as well since all the trucks go through that intersection. Town would like reroute signs on 68 HWY so traffic knows ahead of time of the detours.

Councilmember Town said there is a lot of acreage for sale in the area and it would be nice to have an open house forum for developers and contractors. City Administrator Law said this is something we could set up, and is something done already on an individual basis through Miami County Economic Development. Councilmember Aust would like to get a list of permits from past builders and invite those back to Louisburg.

Councilmember Carder: Councilmember Jean Carder talked to Heather Wilson regarding the 150th City Seal. The Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, July 19th. Carder will bring back information to the next meeting.

Councilmember Aust: Councilmember Carol Aust asked if everyone read the sign information from the last meeting. There was so much information that she did not understand it all. Councilmember Carder said yes she had. It was decided at the last meeting that it was going to the Planning Commission then come back to the Council.

Blight Tax: Aust has read where Savannah, Georgia and Washington DC have a blight tax. This is a tax on vacant businesses or resident homes until they fix them up or sell them. City Administrator Law said we have to abide by State Statues. City Attorney will look into it.

Election: Councilmember Aust would like to get information to residents regarding the upcoming election. Rumors need to stop and we need to educate people, she said. Administrator Law said he would try and get a newsletter together. Aust asked if we had decided on a “big event” for the city yet. Councilmembers agreed that they had not. Aust asked about the Planning Director job.

Councilmember Maddax: Councilmember Dave Maddax said he had been asked by the senior center to have a pool party. Would this be possible for this year and would they be charged for the party. Administrator Law said yes they could have a party and they would be charged. City Clerk Traci Storey suggested they go on a Sunday evening when the pool does not have many people there. This year the dates for pool parties are booked up. It could be looked at next year.

Maddax said the poop bags at the lake walking trail are out. Administrator Law said he would pass the information to Public Works.

Maddax would like to see a bulletin board here at City Hall so he could put things on it like the Lions Club School Drive. Councilmembers agreed there are plenty of bulletin boards around town. Administrator Law hopes to get the community calendar up on the website, but right now staff is not available to do so.

Maddax had heard the Library was going to expand he was happy.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Pool Season: Mayor Marty Southard asked when the pool would be closing for the season. Administrator Law said the school district would not be using the pool this year for the PE classes. It is scheduled to close August 14th. Law will talk to the manager and see if she could find enough guards to keep open on the weekends through Labor Day. He will bring information back at the next meeting along with how much we made from passes and front gate entrances.

Mayor Southard asked what Councilmembers thought about the wall art here at City Hall. Councilmembers agreed that we should keep what we have for at least a year. Councilmember Carder said they could also be changed around very easily.

Recreation District: Mayor Southard said the school district did adopt the Resolution and the recreation question will appear on the ballot in November.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Practice Soccer Field: Dr. Biermann, School Superintendent, presented city staff with a compromise plan to pave a portion of the gravel lot. The plan accommodated all aspects of current concern and future potential development. The 2/3 paved lot should not interfere with development of ball fields to the east, will allow for the lot to be used as parking indefinitely and included a request to temporarily open the lot leading up to paving. The Planning Commission had a special meeting last week to help expedite the plan, allowed for the lot to reopen immediately, and to remain open until no later than September 30, which allows 60 days to complete. Council received and filed the update.

2017 Publication of Proposed Budget: Administrator Law presented the proposed budget for publication purposes. The budget reflects all the same goals and projects discussed at the special meeting. It intends to cover expected initial costs of the Downtown Broadway Project, downtown green space and paving north of City Hall, repaving City Hall parking lot and alley, a somewhat reduced street maintenance program, Rockville Road improvements, water meter replacement program to accommodate automatic meter reading system, completion of Comprehensive Plan update, and utility mapping. This proposed budget does

include an estimated 2 mill increase to accommodate a number of these projects. Councilmember Aust asked about the numbers for the budget. Council had discussion. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Jean Carder and carried 5-0, to approve the Publication of the 2017 Budget.

Councilmember Town inquired about the school district baseball & softball fields.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed into executive session at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 7:35 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

No formal action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Councilmember Aust asked if we heard from KCP&L about the replacement of lines. Administrator Law said yes, there has been some discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:37 p.m. Councilmember Jean Carder moved, seconded by Councilmember Carol Aust to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk