

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Jean Carder reported that she had talked to Heather Wilson regarding the City Seal. Wilson said the historical society board would prefer the City to adopt the 150th seal after the 150 celebration.

Last meeting Carder asked about the Partners Print and Copy bill regarding the cemetery. The bill was for maps with the cemetery updates.

Councilmember Carder received a call from a resident regarding the 2-mill increase. He was concerned that the county was also raising theirs as well.

Councilmember Carder said she had sent Mayor Southard an email resigning from the City Council. Carder has accepted the position of Planning Assistant for the City of Louisburg. Carder thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve on the Council. Carder was on the Planning Commission for 17 years prior to becoming a Councilmember in 2014. She is excited to continue working in the community.

Mayor Southard will appoint for this position, which the Council will vote to approve. If anyone has an interest in becoming a Councilmember for Ward 1, please contact Mayor Southard.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Dave Maddax asked about the Kansas Department of Revenue bill. City Administrator Nathan Law said this payment is for debt service. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 4-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the July 18, 2016 Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Bauer said he attended the graduation of Nathan Bell from the Police Academy. Nathan placed 11th out of 58 fellow officers, which is a great accomplishment. The Department is excited to have him on board.

City Administrator Nathan Law presented the Council with a water leak adjustment for \$467.75 for People's Bank 212 S. Broadway. This is a one-time adjustment. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Carol Aust and carried 4-0, to approve the leak adjustment for People's Bank.

Administrator Law said the final draft of the Downtown Project report was finished if anyone would like a copy of it.

CITY ATTORNEYS REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Town: Councilmember Town asked when Metcalf is closed will KDOT and the City look at possibly rerouting K68 around Broadway. Town said if someone is trying to make a left turn from Broadway onto K-68 this could be very dangerous and could tie traffic up. A suggestion was possibly adding a stop light at the intersection. Administrator Law mentioned a previous discussion with Chief Bauer about whether lowering speed limits far enough in advance of the project might minimize those hazards. Staff will continue to look at options.

Councilmember Town noticed the Welcome to Louisburg sign on K68 was all cleaned up and very noticeable.

Councilmember Cannon: Councilmember David Cannon said he also received the call from a resident concerning the mill levy increase. If anyone would like to address City Council regarding the mill levy increase the Public Hearing is on August 15, 2016.

Councilmember Cannon said the Planning Commission meeting last week included discussion regarding the size of election signs having changed due to State Statues.

Councilmember Maddax: Councilmember Maddax asked if LHS Band has heard any news about the Rose Bowl Parade. Councilmember Town said there should be a decision in September.

The Lion's Club will be hosting a school supply drive on Sunday at the Dollar General.

Maddax said Paola has a very nice Welcome to Paola sign that everyone can see. He sure does feel welcome when he goes there. Councilmember Town suggested a solar light on the sign west of Louisburg.

Councilmember Aust: Councilmember Carol Aust wanted to thank Administrator Law and City Attorney Kelly Stohs for looking into the information she requested on the Blight Tax.

Aust would like to see more information given to the public on the upcoming mill levy increase.

Councilmember Aust thinks the City should be more involved in Economic Development. There are six businesses in town calling themselves the South Bottoms. They have sent out 20,000 flyers to hotels, restaurants and other places trying to get visitors to come to town. The group will also have a trolley going around and stopping at their shops. The only way to promote a business is to use signs and these small businesses have a hard time making it without them. Aust would like to be able to put signs up now until Christmas for special events. If the City could just let us have these signs that would be a big help, she said. City Administrator Law said we could not give any special treatment to any groups, but that special event sign options may accommodate some of this concern.

MAYOR'S REPORT

RFQ Plans: Mayor Southard asked how the review was going on the Comprehensive Plans. Administrator Law said there are nine proposals to review. Jean Carder will be helping with the review process.

Harassment Training: Mayor Southard said city employees had taken a harassment-training course a few years back. Would the Council like to continue this training once a year or just for new employees. Chief Bauer said it is a good idea to have a refresher each year. He has seen positive results in his department. City Clerk Traci Storey said the last time we had the training there were several people on vacation. It would be nice to have it several times a year to catch new employees or the ones that may be off on that particular day. Councilmembers came to a consensus to hold on an annual basis.

Planning Assistant: Mayor Southard told the Council that the city conducted four interviews for the Planning Assistant.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Blight Tax: City Administrator Nathan Law had Attorney Stohs check through her firm on options in Kansas and determined Kansas does not have a statutory tool to introduce a "blight tax" as established in Georgia. The information was received and filed.

Pool Information: Administrator Law said the last day for the pool to be open is Sunday, August 14th. Having a new lower price on pool passes allowed families to enjoy a great summer at the pool.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Proposals: Administrator Law provided copies of proposals from Larkin Lamp Rynearson and Shafer, Kline and Warren to Council last week for review. This shortened timeframe included in the RFP did not allow for significant time to both review and interview. City Administrator Law will put a time and date together for interviews with the engineering firms.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:27 p.m. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk