

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 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, Carol Aust, David Cannon,  
Lonnie Kunz

City Administrator Nathan Law

City Clerk Traci Storey

Finance Director Pat McQueen

City Attorney Kelly Stohs

Police Chief Tim Bauer

Press John VanPelt

Visitors Andy Nowachek, Kalee Smith, Shava Vohs Ron & Dottie Cook,  
Greg Prettyman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Southard would like to have the Visitor section moved up and his appointment for Ward 1 following. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Carol Aust and carried 4-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the August 1, 2016 Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

**VISITORS**

Andy Nowachek representing the Farmer's Market said he noticed in the paper that the City would like to pave the area of the market. They would rather see it as a nice park or a shelter. City Administrator Nathan Law said it was only an option for more parking if needed for the Downtown Renovation. Nowachek stated there are problems with other groups that are not following the sign regulations the way the farmer's market has done. Vendors that set up in other areas of town to sell produce have hurt the sales of the vendors of the farmer's market.

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Southard would like to appoint Lonnie Kunz for the vacant Ward 1. Lonnie has served on the Park Board for 4 years. Discussion followed. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 4-0. City Clerk Traci Storey gave the oath of office to Lonnie Kunz.

## **PUBLIC HEARING 2017 BUDGET**

The Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget opened at 6:47 p.m. Resident Kalee Smith asked several questions about the downtown project. Smith is not in favor of a one-way street. City Administrator Nathan Law explained extra parking issues were a concern by the community during all the public hearings that were held over the past year. At this time, it has not been determined whether Broadway will remain a two-way or a one-way street. Smith thinks we need to clean up the parks and maintain them.

Resident Shava Vohs asked why is the mill increase not voted on by residents. Administrator Law stated that starting next year any budget changes above the rate of inflation will face a popular vote, but that is not the case this year.

Ron Cook voiced concern over the raising of taxes and the impact it has on senior citizens.

City Administrator Law said part of the Broadway project is to create green space and that the comprehensive plan the city just started will study the city's parks for use, and expansion and connectivity possibilities. Ron Cook asked what the timeframe is for this. Law said the bidding process will start early next year.

Greg Prettyman inquired about the construction phase arrangement with other private lots specifically behind Neil Spector. That lot is not city owned property Law stated.

There were no more public comments from the floor. Councilmember Carol Aust moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0, to approve the 2017 Budget as presented. The public hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Administrator Law presented a list of surplus property compiled by Craig Hufferd to go on Purple Wave. If approved, Craig Hufferd will post the list and complete the sale of each item. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0, to put the surplus items on Purple Wave.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Councilmember Maddax:** Councilmember Maddax said there is a pothole on Sunset St. that needs fixing.

Maddax inquired about a speed limit on gravel roads in the county. They do not have any signs posted. Chief Bauer will get with the Sheriff's department and contact Road and Bridge. It was noted that a number of speed limit signs will be installed on gravel roads in this area of the county, as recently mentioned in the newspaper.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**American Legion Resolution:** Mayor Marty Southard stated the American Legion of Louisburg would be hosting the Truck and Tractor Pull on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lewis-Young Park. Mayor Southard presented a Resolution to allow alcoholic beverages. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to adopt Resolution 08-15-16. The Legion will provide \$75 event application fee and certificate of insurance for the event.

**City Seal:** Mayor Southard asked if Councilmembers would be interested in hiring an artist to create a City Seal. Councilmembers asked if Peter Proctor would be interested since he is a local artist. Mayor Southard said he would talk to Mr. Proctor and report back.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Proposal:** City Administrator Nathan Law said as a result of the detail presented in the proposal, the additional detail provided during interviews, previous experience with both the project and the community, and based on similarity in pricing, staff recommends Larkin Lamp Rynearson for Facility Plan Process. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0. City Administrator thanked both groups that gave proposals.

**Comprehensive Plan Proposal:** Administrator Law said after reading through proposals and receiving scoring comments from two other reviews, staff has narrowed the list of proposals for second round review to the agreed upon top five, out of nine received. As previously discussed with Council the Planning Commission will take up the task of reviewing the short list of proposals, select a small number of those firms for interviews, and make a selection recommendation to Council following the interview process.

**Special Use Permit:** Operation of a Bus Barn, Maintenance Garage and Outdoor Storage at 7420 K-68 Highway. The Planning Commission discussed this proposed change to an existing Special Use Permit, of which the resulting recommended change requires City Council confirmation and approval by ordinance. The Planning Commission Public Hearing was held on July 27, 2016. The Planning Commission recommends approval for the Special Use Permit. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Special Use Permit Ordinance 1065.

City Administrator Nathan Law said the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, because of the Labor Day holiday.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:52 p.m. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

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Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

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Traci Storey, City Clerk