

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 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 was absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Town was presiding.

Council Members Steve Town, Dave Maddax, Carol Aust, David Cannon,
Lonnie Kunz
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney Kelly Stohs
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Press John VanPelt
Visitors Melvin & Tish Kueser, Andy Nowachek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Lonnie Kunz moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the September 19, 2016 Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

VISITORS

Melvin and Tish Kueser asked permission from the Council to use Lewis-Young Park for a wedding and reception. This would be in October 2017 in the area south of "A" field. City Administrator Nathan Law said they had been to the Park Board meeting and filled out the special event application. Park Board had no concerns. Councilmembers will need to adopt a resolution for the use of alcohol at a later date. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0, to accept the special event application for the Kueser wedding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Nowachek thanked the council for another successful year at the farmer's market. The market has been going for 14 years and they are already planning for next year. Nowachek gave some suggestions that may help draw more customers and get more exposure to Louisburg.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Aust: Councilmember Carol Aust thanked the City for putting the corn stalk decorations up around downtown. The businesses really appreciated it.

Aust said she had concerns of kids walking down old Metcalf going to school. It is dark outside early in the morning it is hard to see a child walking. There are no sidewalks on either side of the street. Council had discussion. Bus services are available for this area if families choose to pay.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

GIS Water Mapping: City Administrator Nathan Law presented bids for GIS Water mapping. The City of Louisburg qualified for the Public Water Supply System GIS Mapping Assistance Program with a grant of \$4,000. Water will be mapped first so that the city can take advantage of the grant. Gas and sewer will be mapped shortly after water mapping is completed. Councilmember Lonnie Kunz moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to accept Kansas Rural Water Association bid for \$24,856 for water mapping.

City Lake Treatment: City Staff has received a number of complaints this year regarding the appearance of the Louisburg Lake due to the overgrowth of algae and creeping Primrose. These aquatic species thrive in cove areas in particular because of the shallow depths, wind coverage, heat and humidity, and the introduction of ample supply of food source via runoff and creeks. Because water is not consistently cycled as it was when the lake was utilized for treatment/drinking water, the combination of lake conditions and ample rain/runoff has encouraged a tough year for battling the growth of algae and Primrose.

Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd put together a preliminary time and chemical cost estimate. The City has spent an estimated \$5,800 on this issue this year alone excluding the staff time spent researching options, inspecting lake conditions prior to and following treatments, and discussing the issue with area homeowners. Around this time last year, the city paid Blue Valley Labs \$920 to come and spray the cove areas for algae and Primrose. While effective, it was a single application because - as with this time of the year - it was cold enough the algae at that time did not repopulate.

Possible future options or considerations include purchasing an additional boat and adapting it to a raking method at an estimated \$3,500 or dredging the shallow cove areas of the lake and installing aerators or diffusers at an estimated minimum cost of \$155,000.

Councilmembers had discussion and came to a consensus to purchase a flat bottom boat to help with the algae problem. Councilmember Town also said we have not found any active beavers since the last ones had been relocated.

City Newsletter: City Administrator Nathan Law asked what everyone thought of the newsletter that went out with utility bills. Everyone agreed it was great. The public has also said how much they liked knowing what was happening in the city.

ICMA Report: Administrator Law asked if anyone had questions regarding his report from his recent workshops. Councilmember Aust asked about the timing for the Comp Plan. Administrator Law said around one year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:18 p.m. Councilmember David Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk