

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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
City Attorney
Police Chief
Press John VanPelt
Visitors Sam Long, Dixie Riedel, Kiersten Allen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Southard would like to add item 10 C for discussion for Knights of Columbus tootsie roll drive. Councilmember Maddax asked several questions regarding the bills. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the October 3, 2016 Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

VISITORS

Sam Long stated everything was in order for the car show on Broadway this weekend. Councilmember Lonnie Kunz moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 5-0, to accept the special event application.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Nathan Law wanted to remind everyone that Halloween on Broadway would be held Saturday, October 29th from 5p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Town: Councilmember Town said after Halloween on Broadway the LHS Band would be performing their Electric Light Show at 7:30 p.m. at the stadium.

Councilmember Cannon: Councilmember David Cannon asked about the progress on the relocates on Metcalf. City Administrator Nathan Law said should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Councilmember Aust: Councilmember Carol Aust asked if there were any updates regarding sidewalks on Metcalf. City Administrator Law presented information regarding the costs if Council chooses to add sidewalks. The cost would be \$15 per linear foot and could end up being a \$47,000 project. Councilmember Dave Maddax made a motion to allow staff to take any steps necessary to build the sidewalks. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilmembers would like more information before deciding on the project. This may also be included in the Comp Plan.

Aust asked if anyone had any thoughts regarding an event for The City of Louisburg that could brand the city. Councilmember Aust has a citizen that would like to give a presentation regarding this. Mayor Southard said that would be great and to have the person come to a meeting.

Councilmember Aust said she was excited about how many people took the time to fill out the survey for downtown. She would like to make sure people get out and vote on the next election.

Aust would like to see the City Council wear business casual attire during meetings. Mayor Southard said this is her own personal view. There were no comments for support.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lewis Young Park Fees: Staff presented to the Park and Tree Board in April information regarding field usage fees and shortfall for covering electric costs for the same. At that time, Park and Tree Board made a motion to send a recommendation to Council to increase fees from \$10/hour to \$15/hour. Councilmember Lonnie Kunz moved, seconded by Councilmember David Canon and carried 5-0, to increase cost to \$15/hour effective January 2016.

Rotary Member: Mayor Marty Southard asked Councilmembers if they thought having a membership to the Rotary Club would be beneficial. Councilmembers agreed it would be nice to have a representative from the City to attend meetings. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0, to have City Administrator Nathan Law get a membership for the Rotary Club.

Tootsie Roll Fund Drive: Ernie Rinehart contacted Mayor Southard to see if it was okay to do a tootsie roll fund drive in Louisburg. Councilmember Steve Town said you cannot do it at the 4-way stop, but would be able to do at a private business like Price Chopper.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

KMEA Presentation: The City has been in talks with Kansas Municipal Energy Agency regarding inclusion with their pool for municipal purchasing authority of natural gas. Dixie Riedel, Director of Natural Gas with KMEA/KMGA presented information to show the services in contrast to those of U.S. Energy, the current provider. The current contract requires the City to provide sixty (60) days prior notification of desire to terminate the agreement with U.S. Energy. The term renewal date for the current agreement is April 1st of each year, meaning notification must be received by U.S. Energy not later than January 31, 2017. Councilmembers had discussion and will have City Administrator Nathan Law bring back more information for further discussion.

Vacate Right of Way: City Administrator Nathan Law presented a request from Gary and Candice Schleicher and Patton and Deborah Apple for a request vacating reserved right-of-way easements located in the VP Subdivision. If Council chooses to vacate this portion of right-of-way easement, the ordinance presented would be published. Once in the official newspaper the ordinance would

not be effective for 30 days to allow for protest of the decision. This allows for public input without delaying a decision from Council. Recommendation from staff is approve the ordinance vacating right-of-way easements found on Lots 1 and 2 within the VP Subdivision, with the following restrictions/considerations.

1. A re-plat of the lots in question, within the VP Subdivision, be completed and filed through the appropriate process with Miami County.
2. County Commission or appropriate department therein observes proper consideration for the joint access easement located at the northeast corner of Lot 2.
3. All existing utility easements adjacent to the rights-of-way intending to be vacated, on the lots in question, remain, but that those easements be relocated to the perimeter/property line of each lot.
4. Petitioners pay all necessary fees and costs associated with this process.

Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz and carried 5-0, to authorize the Mayor sign Ordinance 1070.

Library Festival of Ideas: Kiersten Allen representing the Louisburg Library informed the Council the library has been spearheading a community discussion, Festival of Ideas, on community needs. As part of the process, she would like the Council to help rank those priorities. Allen presented information with sections of ideas that she would like ranked 1-10. She said that the project has reached the part of the process where input is needed from a broader base than those who have participated in the Festival of Ideas thus far. She asked that the Council take into consideration the ideas presented and rank them according to the Council consensus. The next meeting for the Library is October 24th where all the rankings will be pooled. Councilmembers had discussion and decided to have a work session on Wednesday, October 19th to help with the survey.

Public Works New Hire: Administrator Law said there were several great candidates for the Public Works position that was open. Candidate Jeremiah Miller was chosen to fill the position. Councilmember Lonnie Kunz moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to hire Jeremiah Miller as a Public Service Worker I 2-6B.

Downtown Broadway Survey: The survey results are in with 443 in favor of a two-way street and 93 in favor of a one-way street. Councilmembers had discussion. This item will return to future meeting for a final vote.

Councilmember Aust would like to see the City have a Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting. The City is planning to have Santa come to City Hall in December and will have more information at another meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m. Councilmember Steve Twon moved, seconded by Councilmember Lonnie Kunz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk