

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2019**

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 Thorvald McKiernan, Steve Town, Kalee Smith, Sandy Harris and Anthony Taylor
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney Kelly Stohs
Police Chief Tim Bauer, Officer Jason Lindsey
Communications Coordinator Jean Carder
Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd
Fire Department Brad Seely, Andrew Grove, Matt Andrasik
Press

Visitors Darby Van Eaton, Aiden Kennedy, Ashton Moore, Will Showalter, Jack Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Sandy Harris moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the Regular Meeting January 7, minutes and Special Meeting January 14, minutes and bills list. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Brad Seely gave an update over the past month. During the last snowstorm, 911 went down. In less than 20 minutes, they had a dispatcher come to the station and take calls. Special thanks to the Police Officers that helped with the recent fire at Lucille's Restaurant. The officers were on scene first and able to show firefighters exactly where to go as they were dispatched to an incorrect address.

Chief Bauer introduced Darby Van Eaton, Aiden Kennedy, Ashton Moore, Will Showalter, Jack Anderson and presented all 5 boys with certificates for assisting the police after the boys observed a vehicle that had been abandoned by a suspect in a recent investigation that forced the lockdown of Rockville Elementary School in mid-December. Their actions helped the police with the investigation. These boys did a great job in coming forward with the information. The City of Louisburg is proud of them.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McKiernan: Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan said last week he was leaving Summerfield Farms when he almost hit a pedestrian that was crossing from LHS. It was dark and foggy and the person was hard to see, he said. He would like to see more lighting added to this area.

McKiernan would also like the City to look into installing new street light poles using solar panels instead of KCPL installed poles, to help better light the newly added sidewalks and possibly expand to others areas of the community as well. McKiernan stated that any poles sought out could be wood poles, and that solar panels with net metering should be considered. Administrator Law said he has ran some numbers and the power company is better equipped to install poles, but the information did not include net metering or wooden poles. Information will be sought, compiled, and presented at a future meeting.

Councilmember Harris: Councilmember Sandy Harris said a resident asked him about the speed of traffic on K-68 by the high school. It seems that the semi-trucks are also using jake breaks along with speeding in that area. Police

Chief Tim Bauer said he would have his officers check this area. City Administrator Nathan Law will also share the results of a KDOT study conducted about a year ago prior to Councilmember Harris assuming his council seat, which includes vehicle speed data.

Councilmember Smith: Councilmember Kalee Smith asked who is responsible for tree trimming on N. 3rd. The trees are hanging over the road and it is limiting travel lanes. City Administrator Law will look into it.

Smith asked if a street light is out where can that be reported. City Clerk Traci Storey said if given the information she would be able to send it off to KCP&L. A resident may also contact KCP&L directly at the Paola office or may report out street lights online.

Councilmember Taylor: Councilmember Anthony Taylor asked if a merge sign could be put up by 68 going east by the stop light. The lane ends quickly and there is no warning. Administrator Law said he would get a sign up. Taylor would also like to see the sidewalks on Rockville going north to the school repaired.

Taylor wanted to thank the public works crew as he had many compliments that the plows picked up their blades so driveways were not plowed in.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marty Southard said he would be doing placements on the volunteer boards in February. If anyone wanted a certain board, please let him know. A question came up regarding the Recreation Commission. Administrator Law said a councilmember could attend that meeting and report to the Council. He will bring more information back to the Council regarding this issue.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

GAAP Waiver Resolution: City Administrator Nathan Law presented the GAAP Waiver Resolution for year ending December 31, 2018. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign GAAP Waiver Resolution 1-22-19.

Leaf Pick-Up Options: Administrator Law said staff has researched leaf removal options based on program information from cities nearby. In Westwood's program they use a street sweeper with a vacuum hose attached. The program

costs about \$13,000 a year without consideration of staffing. The process requires 2 Public Works employees. It also requires all leaves to be manually off-loaded from the machine. As a community of only about 1,600 with only 4-full time Public Works employees, the leaf program does cause some disruption in their operations. If there was a snow event during the normal program operating days, that further complicates issues. The program runs from early November to mid-December. Councilmember Taylor asked why not get a mulcher that residents could take their leaves. Councilmember Kalee Smith said this is a big investment and believes we should just encourage residents to use a program that is already available in the City. Councilmember McKiernan passed out information on a similar trailer that could mulch leaves at a cheaper price than the trailer options provided with the agenda item. After discussion, Council directed staff to come up with a survey to send out to residents.

KMGA Prepay Program: Administrator Law presented an option from the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency, the group that oversees procurement and management of natural gas on behalf of the City of Louisburg, wherein a long-term financial option might benefit members of the agency through commitment of a certain quantity of annual load/consumption to receive a guaranteed discount on that quantity. The trade-off of a long-term consideration like this is found in the terms of the agreement that would be entered into, requiring a thirty-year commitment of the City as a member of KMGA. There would be legal clause allowing for leaving the contractual arrangement, but would be outside of the control or decision of any individual member within KMGA, and similarly outside of the control of KMGA in its agreement with the financial institution and natural gas supplier. Councilmembers had discussion. A consensus that a 30-year commitment was a very long time and declined the offer.

Fire Pumper Truck: Andrew Grove, a Firefighter with Johnson County and Volunteer with the City of Louisburg, provided information for replacement of the existing 1987 E-One Ford open cab style pumper truck. The existing vehicle has a number of costly items that are in need of repair and replacement, but also has a number of items that would not meet current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Due to the age of the vehicle and the identified needs, staff recommended budgeting and purchase of a replacement vehicle during the 2019 budget considerations. Grove recommends the demo model 2018 Pierce Saber Pumper. This comes with a standard 5-year power train, 1-year bumper-to-bumper, 10 year-body warranty. Grove said they actually went and test drove this particular truck and it was amazing. The maneuverability and turning radius of this truck makes it a great option for city operations with narrow streets and cul-de-

sacs. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Anthony Taylor. Councilmember McKiernan asked if spending an extra \$60,000 was worth having seating for one extra person. Firefighter Matt Andrasik responded to the question why would a firetruck go for sale only after one year, causing him to question if the truck might have problems that we would inherit if purchased. That used firetruck would make a great rural truck, but would be hard to drive on tight streets or cul-de-sacs because of the wheelbase. It could make a difference in response time if firefighters had to find another route if the truck could not travel down the streets due to size and turning ability. Item passed 4-0-1 (Town abstained due to conflict of interest) to purchase the 2018 Pierce Saber Pumper in the amount of \$374,404.09. Staff will seek bids for lease-purchase pricing through local banks.

Council Resignation: Mayor Southard read a resignation letter from Councilmember Anthony Taylor. Councilmember Taylor wanted to thank the City and all the Governing Body for a great experience he has had serving the community. He is moving outside the city limits. Everyone wished him well and thanked him for serving.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk