

**City Council Meeting  
May 2, 2016**

Call to Order-Mayor-Linda McCowan

Roll Call—All present, except Council Person Dorian Frances.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor

Agenda Changes-None

Approval of 4-4-2016 regular meeting minutes.

**Motion #1** Deb Bader motioned to accept April 4, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Chris Mead. Carried 3-0 with one abstention.

**Unfinished Business**

**1. KDHE/Old City Dump**

Phone message left by a Bob Medina from State of KS, Bureau of Waste Mgmt (785)296-6617 calling on behalf of Kim Wilson. He would like to speak directly with Mayor, Council President or City Clerk rather than City going through our City Attorney, feeling like we can settle this without City having to incur Attorney fees. Council is in favor of contacting him and setting up a 4-way conference call between, Mayor, Clerk, Maintenance Officer and Mr. Medina. Will carry forward as Old Business for June meeting.

**2. Election Ordinance-Deb Bader**

Deb Bader received email back from Donna Zimmerman on Apr 12, 2016. Donna stated that they “are waiting on a directive from the Secretary of State’s Office in regards to the changing of elections from April to November.” Should have this info in May following close of the legislative session. Hopefully be able to provide guidance/additional information at that time.

Also, posed question, “is it your intent to allow a city candidate petition filing with 5 signatures as opposed to 25 (or the number of qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 10% of the ballots cast at the last general city election whichever is less) pursuant to KSA 25-2110(b)?

It was pointed out that currently we are exempt from the 5 signature requirement. One Council member thought the five signatures a good idea. Suggestion was made to talk to citizens around town on what their thoughts might be. It was also noted that as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class city we are Non-Partisan and can opt to stay that way.

Will carry forward as old Business for June meeting.

**New Business**

**1. Water Well Survey-Shane Bowman**

Survey was completed by Central KS Surveying and Mapping on 4-15-2016. Council is in consensus that City move forward with Getting three fencing quotes with a height of 6 feet and one 12-foot wide access gate.

**2. Tourism Proposal-Dorian Frances**

Vickie Alsup had one quote on picnic tables and benches which was shared with Council. This item will be forwarded as Old Business for June meeting.

**3. Grover Hill-104 Centre and Roger Johnson- 425 Bismark Permission to Proceed**

An Order of Violation was mailed to Grover and Barbara Hill at the mailing address of 104 Centre Street, noted on the BT County ORKA site back on May 27, 2015. The certified mail came back as unclaimed June 16, 2015. Further effort was made on February 16, 2016 to contact a nephew, Grover Hill II per this site. He claimed the certified mail but never made any response back. Code Enforcement Officer proposes that the City move ahead with necessary steps to clean-

up the blighted lot and then remove the unfit for human habitation house from the lot. Council is in agreement. Consensus of Council to rent Shane Bowman's backhoe for flat fee of \$1000.00, pay him wages at his current salary for time spent, buy the necessary gas & oil, and provide the dumpsters necessary to haul away the residue. Clerk will contact Ron Smith to write-up resolution which will then be published in GB Tribune once each week for two consecutive weeks for this property at 104 Centre Street.

425 Bismark property owner Roger Johnson has received a complaint on the property and but has made no attempt to clean-up the lot or contact the City in regards to it. House needs to have doors and windows boarded shut, outhouses torn down and hauled off, cats removed from the premises and the lot mowed and cleaned of trash. It is the consensus of Council to send Notice to Appear for Court on May 12.

#### 4. KS Dept Agriculture-Certificate of Appropriation

Consensus of Council to approve draft copy of Certification of Appropriation for Beneficial Use of Water File No. 39,109 received on 4-28-2016.

#### Executive Session

Resident/Public Request to Appear Before Council/Complaints NONE

#### Department Reports/April

##### Fire Chief

Heath presented quotes from Silverado Electric, Curtis Electric and P&S Electric for Firehouse lighting and garage door outlet plug-ins. The previously donated fluorescent lights will be returned to donator.

**Motion #2** Chris Mead motioned to accept the Silverado Electric bid of \$1728.80 Option 1 for lighting & outlets for garage door openers and the bid for change out of breaker panel for bid of \$474.28 for total cost of \$2203.08. Deb Bader seconded. Carried 4-0.

##### Treasurer

**Motion #3** Deb Bader motioned to approve Van Diest Supply Ck#3430 in amount of \$365.75 and KDHE Lab ck#3431 in amount of \$202.00 for payment. Phyllis Agee seconded. Carried 4-0.

##### Clerk/ Changes in Jayhawk/ Utility Reconciliation

Mayor took Cathy out to lunch for Secretary's Day and brought lunch back for Shane.

##### Maintenance

Council Person Chris Mead suggested that an attempt be made to reach out to GB Human Society about a past due bill from long time ago which has caused poor working relationship between City and GB Humane Society. Shane does work well with Larned Animal Shelter personnel. Council suggests Clerk put together some sort of flyer or poster that can be hung up at PO and COOP about whom to contact about dogs running loose.

Deb Bader presented 3 quotes on new Chlorine scale for Well House

**Motion #4** Chris Mead motioned to accept online Arlyn Scale bid at a price of \$699.00. Phyllis Agee seconded. Carried 4-0.

Motion#5 Deb Bader motioned to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Agee seconded. Carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Date Approved June 26, 2016

Mayor Janice M. Cowan

City Clerk Cathy Groves