

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

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. Councilmember Carol Aust was absent.

Council Members Steve Town, Kalee Smith, Bill Smith, Dave Maddax
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
Finance Director Pat McQueen
City Attorney Kelly Stohs
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Planning & Zoning Assistant Jean Carder
Visitors Craig Holtzen, David Arteberry, Bob Bazin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bill Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 4-0, to adopt the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, and approval of the January 17, 2017, Council Minutes, and approval of the bills list.

VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Craig Holtzen with Edward Jones thanked the Council for their work on the Council. Holtzen said he has been on the Downtown Committee and in contact with City leaders for the past couple of years regarding the Downtown area. His number one concern regarding the Downtown Project is eliminating parking spaces. Holtzen felt the city survey that was including in the October utility bill asking residents to vote for a one-way or two-way street was misleading and the

City should send out another one focusing on parking considerations. The Council thanked him for coming.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Pat McQueen Finance Director introduced David Arteberry with George K. Baum & Company. Mr. Arteberry presented the Council a Financing Plan Overview for the City of Louisburg. The Council also received four documents required for the Downtown Improvement Project.

Ordinance 1076: Officially designates the project streets as Main Trafficways or Trafficway connections. Council Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Ordinance 1076.

Ordinance 1077: Authorizes the project and the costs to be paid from General Obligation Bonds and other available bonds. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Ordinance 1077.

Resolution 2-6-17A: Authorizes the public sale of General Obligation Bond series 2017-A in an estimated amount of \$2,000,000. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Resolution 2-6-17A.

Fiduciary Agreement: Presented the Municipal Advisory agreement with George K. Baum & Company for services related to the project.

GAAP WAIVER RESOLUTION: Finance Director Pat McQueen presented the GAAP Waiver Resolution. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign the GAAP Waiver Resolution 2-6-17B.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Town: Councilmember Steve Town asked if the Council wanted to talk about ideas for the band fundraisers since Mr. Cisetti was not able to attend the meeting due to a school conflict after asking to be added to the agenda. Mayor Southard said yes he had wanted to bring this up as well. Some of the ideas are having neighborhood parades with the band marching throughout town as a conditioning measure and celebrating with neighborhoods and selling yard signs. Lance Tibbet who is President of the Tournament of Roses will be visiting during the Labor Day weekend and will be an honored guest at our Labor Day Parade. This might be a great time to present him with a key to the City. More information will be coming when Mr. Cisetti comes to a future Council Meeting.

Councilmember Bill Smith: Councilmember Bill Smith attended the last Planning Commission meeting. Smith felt the Planning Commission has not made progress on reviewing signs and in particular electronic signs. Councilmember Smith is happy to be able to work together with the Planning Commission by making this more beneficial to the businesses and get this going. We should embrace a new ordinance and evaluate where we are, Councilmember Smith said.

Councilmember Maddax: Councilmember Dave Maddax said when he filled out his survey on the downtown bids he was under the impression that was his vote. Maddax was on vacation and missed the vote on the downtown at the last meeting. City Administrator Nathan Law reminded Councilmember Maddax that council members must be present at a meeting to vote or are allowed to vote via phone during the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Downtown Material Discussion: Mayor Marty Southard asked what thoughts everyone had regarding asphalt vs concrete for the downtown. Councilmember Steve Town said he had recently been to the City of Goddard to look at their downtown. Town had asked the Goddard Community Development Director if he thought concrete or asphalt was a better option. The Goddard representative recommended concrete as it would outlast asphalt. Mayor Southard asked Bob Bazin his preference for the project. Bazin recommended asphalt and suggested the city may not be able to maintain concrete correctly. When asked, Bazin did say that concrete is 20-30 degrees cooler than asphalt and therefore has less of a heat impact. After discussion, Councilmember Dave Maddax made a motion to use asphalt in the downtown project. The motion died for lack of second. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill

Smith to use concrete for the street work. The vote was tied 2-2 (Maddax and Kalee Smith voting no). Councilmembers will bring this back to the next meeting.

Downtown Monument: Mayor Southard asked what kind of sign would everyone like to see at the Broadway and Amity intersection. Councilmembers discussed the different options and prices. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 4-0, to put up an archway type monument. Mayor Southard asked the Council to think over what they would like the sign to say and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilmember Dave Maddax made a motion to use asphalt instead of concrete on the Downtown Project since the savings difference in cost of asphalt vs concrete could offset the cost of the archway monument. Council had discussion. Councilmember Bill Smith seconded and motion carried 3-1 (Town voting no).

Downtown Lights: Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 4-0, to add 12 streetlights to the Downtown Project. These will be placed along Broadway and the along parts of South First, South Second and South Third streets.

Appointments: Mayor Southard reminded everyone that appointments would be presented at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Dave Maddax asked about building sidewalks on Amity as part of the project. City Administrator Nathan Law will need to look into rights of way along some properties. Discussion occurred on the viability of adding sidewalks along Amity.

Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax, to install sidewalks along Amity from Broadway to Metcalf. Councilmember Steve Town asked if this sidewalk would be right up against K-68/Amity. City Administrator Law said it would be in some areas. Councilmembers Kalee Smith and Maddax voted yes while Councilmembers Steve Town and Bill Smith voted no due to safety reasons. Mayor Southard broke the tie voting yes on the sidewalks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Farming Agreement for City-Owned Property: City Administrator Nathan Law presented an agreement that includes the highest bid for farming land

around the south sewer lagoons, amounting to an annual payment of \$2,783 for a three- year lease. The terms of the previous agreement have been included in this agreement with the addition that the City shall not be responsible for any damage caused by the burn site adjacent to the farm area. Staff recommends approval for the land lease agreement for farming operations with Greg Foote and direct the Mayor to sign. Councilmember Bill Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign the agreement.

Sewer Rate Increase: Administrator Nathan Law presented information regarding the next scheduled rate increase to begin with March water usage billed in April. An ordinance will be presented at the first regular meeting in March for this planned increase, and, again, will be based on the rate schedule included with this agenda item. This report was received and filed.

Callable Debt: Whereas the usefulness of debt issues is the ability to pay for large debt slowly, with annually applied interest, the opposite is a true of a callable debt. The City would plan to pay an additional sum of \$190,000 this year to call (pay) the 2008-A issue early. This is likely accommodated with budgeted carryover in the debt fund to cover the full amount without need for a budget amendment. The early payment of remaining debt will result in a little more than \$16,000 savings for 2018. This will have no impact on the City’s credit rating. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith and carried 4-0, to have staff take necessary steps to retire debt issue 2008-A in 2017.

Councilmember Dave Maddax asked what was the book regarding the sewer. City Administrator Nathan Law explained it was an anti-degradation study conducted by Larkin Lamp Rynearson as part of the wastewater treatment project.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk