

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 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.

Council Members Steve Town, Kalee Smith, Dave Maddax, Carol Aust
(arrived at 6:33 p.m.)

City Administrator Nathan Law

City Clerk Traci Storey

City Attorney

Police Chief Tim Bauer

Planning & Zoning Assistant Jean Carder

Press

Visitors: Fred Brucker, Kiersten Allen, Gary Vohs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Dave Maddax had a question regarding the George K. Baum & Company bill. City Administrator Nathan Law said this is for the bond service fee.

Councilmember Maddax moved and Councilmember Kalee Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda and approval of the March 20, 2017, minutes and bills list. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITORS

Kiersten Allen representing the Louisburg Library asked if the City would be interested in selling the lot at 2nd and Mulberry. Councilmember Carol Aust asked if they were wanting to build a new Library there. Allen said at this time they just would like to know if the City is interested in selling it. Councilmember Aust said if that is something the City would do that Staff should contact Kraig Hickey at the funeral home as well. A few years back the Funeral Home expressed interest in purchasing that piece of property, she said. City Administrator Nathan

Law said it would be best to get an appraisal of what the property is worth. Law asked if the Council would like other vacant lots that are City-owned to be appraised. Councilmember Aust said the only problem with that is if we were not selling it then in five years that appraisal would not be good. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith. Councilmember Town asked if it would be cheaper to get all the appraisals done at the same time. Motion carried 5-0, to have the property at 2nd and Mulberry appraised. It was stated that if having multiple properties appraised at the same time is cheaper, bring the issue back to Council.

Fred Brucker of 601 Broadmoor Cove addressed the Council regarding the current parking ordinance. He would like to see a change in the ordinance to allow more enforcement of abandoned vehicles or vehicles parked in the right of way. Brucker said a truck has been parked near his house for quite a long time. The owner of the truck was notified by the City that it should not be parked on unpaved property. The owner said the vehicle would be moved by Jan. 13th. Today it is still sitting there, Brucker said. Councilmember Kalee Smith asked where the truck is parked. Brucker said it is parked in front of a vacant lot that is next to his house. Councilmember Kaylee Smith asked if he contacted the HOA of his subdivision. Brucker said no they do not like him and won't address anything that he brings to them. City Administrator Nathan Law said the truck has proper tags and is not a nuisance vehicle at this time. Councilmembers had discussion. Mayor Southard thanked him for bringing it to the attention of the Council. Staff will look at options and return parking considerations to a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Vohs lives at Rogers and 12th street he has seen people parking and throwing trash in and around the ditch where he resides. They have been taking care of this property for many years but think it is time we do something about it as it is right-of-way. Mayor Southard said he thinks the Council should take a look at the ordinance regarding these parking and dumping issues.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Bauer said he was going to introduce Lee Stevens tonight, but Lee had to leave on a call. Lee will be a great asset to the Department and they are happy to have him back.

City Administrator Nathan Law presented a water leak adjustment for Betty McDonald of 7 S. Berkley in the amount of \$20.63. Administrator Law said that the resident was told this is a one-time leak adjustment. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 5-0, to approve the one-time leak adjustment in the amount of \$20.63.

Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd created a list of surplus equipment that he would like to be sold on Purple Wave. Councilmember Aust asked if our old Christmas decorations were still available. Administrator Law said we do have them and once we buy all the new decorations we will then offer them to communities. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to sell the surplus equipment on Purple Wave.

A bid for a new Kubota BX2670 tractor was presented in the amount of \$13,300.00. The current tractor is too big to effectively take care of the baseball fields. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to purchase the 2017 Kubota BX2670 with 60" Belly Mower from Romans Outdoor Power.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Steve Town: Councilmember Steve Town said the Freedom Fest fireworks will need to be ordered soon. Last year around \$4,700 was used for purchase. Did the Council want to add more to have the event last longer? Councilmember Dave Maddax made a motion to approve \$4,800 for fireworks. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Carol Aust has always seen this as a problem if it is a non-City event then the City should not ask for donations. City Administrator Law said the City donates time, equipment and lots of manpower for this event, but the event is coordinated and overseen by the Freedom Fest Committee. Councilmember Bill Smith suggested the Freedom Fest Committee should have some say what they would like to see. Jean Carder said the next meeting would be after Easter. Councilmember Steve Town said if they wait too long the fireworks get picked over and the company randomly selects items to fill the order. This creates problems in the logistical planning of the firework display. Council had discussion. Councilmember Bill Smith moved to approve \$5,000 to be used on fireworks this year. Councilmember Aust asked if

this was budgeted and if there were a separate account for this. City Administrator Law said all event funds are in care of the City, however the City only requests donations on behalf of the Freedom Fest Committee and all event funds are held separate from City funds. Those funds are included with annual City audit. Councilmember Steve Town seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Councilmember Aust thinks the City should partner with the Freedom Fest more. Mayor Southard would like to attend the next meeting for the Freedom Fest.

Councilmember Kalee Smith: Councilmember Kalee Smith said in the workshop Councilmembers had attended one of the items discussed was the City's efforts to enforce the clean up of properties. City Administrator Nathan Law said when the City gets a complaint we address it with a letter. If there is no response, a court date will be given as allowed by City Code. Councilmember Carol Aust asked if we could have a beautification program where people would have an incentive to clean up their yards and houses. Councilmember Kalee Smith said we need to have staff increase efforts to seek out and address such properties. Mayor Southard suggested having a new updated City Code Ordinance addressing the issues we have talked about. City Administrator Law will bring some samples of Ordinances at the next meeting.

Councilmember Carol Aust: Councilmember Carol Aust asked if we should order the same Christmas wreath decorations for K-68 and Metcalf or do different ones. Councilmembers would like to keep them all as wreaths.

Councilmember Dave Maddax: Councilmember Dave Maddax stated the road by the High School was very bumpy. Administrator Law mentioned streets were being repaired this summer.

Maddax drove by Rockville he is very impressed with all the new houses going up.

Maddax asked who was buying Proud Mary's. City Administrator Law said that is not known.

Maddax introduced his new wife Joanie.

MAYOR'S REPORT

National Day of Prayer Proclamation: Mayor Marty Southard read the National Day of Prayer Proclamation proclaiming May 4, 2017 as: A day of Prayer

in Louisburg, Kansas. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0.

Pool Pass Contest: At this time Councilmembers chose the winner of the pool pass contest. The winning artist Tyler Talmage will receive a free pass for his great artwork.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Notification System: City Administrator Nathan Law presented information regarding a safety enhancement system that could also be used for notification prior to utility shutoffs or area notifications for utility outages. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 4-1 (Bill Smith voting no) to approve contracting with Swiftreach Networks, Inc for use of Swift911 notification system.

Considerations for Trash RFP: Administrator Law presented several ideas to see what Council would like to have included in the RFP for trash services. Councilmember Carol Aust said she has done some research and the City of Louisburg has the cheapest rates. Councilmembers had discussion on having a bulk pickup twice a year or even once a month. Council wants to lock in or control fees scheduled for residential only. Councilmember Town asked about glass recycling that it might be a possibility here. Councilmembers decided a contract should not be longer than 5 years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk