

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 4, 2018**

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 Kalee Smith was absent.

Council Members Thorvald McKiernan, Bill Smith, Steve Town and Dave Maddax

City Administrator Nathan Law

City Clerk Traci Storey

City Attorney Kelly Stohs

Police Chief Tim Bauer

Communications Coordinator

Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd

Press John VanPelt

Visitors: Andy Nowachek, Mike Johnson, Louisburg Peace Lodge, Janet Barker Sturm, Larry Barker, Bill Barker, Janet McRae, Parker Key

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the May 21, 2018, minutes and bills list. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITORS

Andy Nowachek, of the local Farmer's Market group, thanked the Governing Body for waiving the sign permit fee and the use of the park. Nowachek said that Louisburg has the friendliest Farmer's Market he has ever seen. This is the 16th year and will be open Saturdays starting June 16th through September 22nd.

Mike Johnson and members of the 243 Peace Lodge presented Police Chief Tim Bauer with commemorative badges for the Police Department to wear for the upcoming 150th Celebration. Police Chief Bauer thanked the Lodge and said how appreciative the Police Department is. They have always been so supportive and thoughtful, Bauer said.

Teresa Barker Sturm with LTB Farms, presented information to the Council regarding the special assessments that are due on their family farm. LTB Farms is asking for another 10 years of deferment on special assessments. Sturm said she and her brothers Bill and Larry Barker have had the property for sale for the last 15 years with no interest from buyers. City Administrator Nathan Law told the Council if they wanted to defer the payment for another 10 years it would need Council action. The cost to defer is \$553,000, which is for the 150-acre property. This amount has already been given a 10-year deferment. Councilmember McKiernan asked for more information before making a decision. Administrator Law said he would provide additional information and have an item for discussion at the next meeting.

Parker Key representing Buxton Company gave a presentation on economic development and explained how Buxton Company could help get new retail business to Louisburg and retain those businesses. The Buxton Company would work with City Staff along with the Chamber of Commerce. They said their services would increase tax revenue, improve quality of life and retain businesses. The cost would be \$50,000 per year for a 3-year contract. Councilmember McKiernan said a lot of our population drives 30 minutes or more to work and usually stop and shop on their way home. Councilmember Steve Town asked Janet McRae, Economic Development Director for Miami County, whether the county has considered working with this group. McRae said they have been in talks before with Buxton Company, but they are just too expensive for the County. Key said he would also be willing to work with both the County and other cities. Councilmembers thanked him for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Bauer reported the Click it or Ticket Campaign made 114 traffic stops. There were 104 tickets given; this included 92 seatbelt tickets. There

were various other issues, including drivers that should not be driving. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan said he hopes the officers watch for seat belts all the time not just during the Click it or Ticket.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sidewalk Update: Mayor Marty Southard asked for an update on sidewalks on North Metcalf and K-68. City Administrator Nathan Law said we are going over the set of plans, but things seem to be moving along. We hope to have the sidewalks installed within the year.

Lewis-Young Dugouts: Mayor Southard asked how the dugouts were coming at Lewis-Young Park. Craig Hufferd, Public Works, said one was removed earlier this week and is to be replaced within two weeks. We did replace one last year as well.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

KMGA Board of Directors Appointment: City Administrator Nathan Law stated as part of the regular process with the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency, the group that oversees procurement and management of natural gas on behalf of the City of Louisburg, consideration for city representation is required as this group is a board-driven agency. Every two years the City of Louisburg is required to appoint an individual to the KMGA Board of Directors as a "Director". Last year Council approved Administrator Law as a single-year appointment for the Director position because the city joined KMGA mid-term. Pat McQueen had been appointed on a permanent basis as an alternate. This alternate position can be amended at any annual interval to change the individual filling the position or change to a set term. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith and carried 4-0, to appoint City Administrator Nathan Law as the City of Louisburg Director to the KMGA Board of Directors for a term of two years.

Danford Drive Construction Bid: Administrator Law presented six bids from contractors for the Danford Drive project. Staff recommends the lowest bid from G-B Construction in the amount of \$281,429.25. Councilmember Bill Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 4-0, to approve the bid as presented from G-B Construction.

Cemetery Mowing and Trimming: Administrator Nathan Law presented four bids that Craig Hufferd had received for mowing and trimming the Louisburg Cemetery. Currently the cemetery is taken care of by a combination of part time and summer help. The season for mowing and weed eating is April through September. Most summer help cannot start until after school ends at the end of May and they go back to school the middle of August. This leaves a gap in care for the cemetery. Public Works Supervisor recommends going with a two-year contract with Grounds Keepers with the bid of \$925. Councilmember McKiernan would like to maintain it by city staff. Councilmember Bill Smith said he disagrees and thinks it would be more efficient to have it contracted out. Hufferd told the Council if they did contract the cemetery out it would give more time to maintain the lake area during the summertime in particular. City Administrator Nathan Law asked if Council would like the City to maintain through the summer and bid it out in the fall. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 3-1 (Bill Smith voting no) to have the City maintain this season and get new bids in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 p.m. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk