

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 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. Councilmember Kalee Smith and Carol Aust were absent.

Council Members Steve Town, Dave Maddax, Bill Smith
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney Kelly Stohs
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Communications Coordinator Jean Carder
Press
Visitors: Neil Sommers, Connor Sweeney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Dave Maddax led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

City Administrator told Councilmembers there are no bills to be approved as Pat McQueen was on vacation. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved and Councilmember Steve Town seconded to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda and approval of the June 19, 2017, minutes. Motion passed 3-0.

VISITORS

Neil Sommers and Connor Sweeney with the Greenhouse Building Company gave a presentation on what could be an affordable housing development at the Farmer's Market. They are asking if the City would be willing to consider the idea if they could put a proposal together. Councilmembers said they need more information on the project. Sommers said he could email information to Administrator Law and he would share with Councilmembers. Greenhouse Building Company would also be working with Prairie Fire Developers, not related to the Prairie Fire development on 135th in Overland Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Kelly Stohs said in regard to the federal lawsuit with Mary Anne Sause, the most recent appeals court hearing upheld the lower court's dismissal.

Stohs advised everyone not to respond to emails that may be derogatory.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Dave Maddax: Councilmember Dave Maddax said he had talked to Billy Still and he mentioned how quickly Rusty Whitham gets permits done and is great to work with.

Maddax would like the pothole in the City Hall alley entrance fixed.

Maddax went to the pool the other day and it looked like all the kids were having fun. He thinks we should have more umbrellas and fix the parking lot. City Administrator Nathan Law said we could add more umbrellas and look into the parking lot next year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Appointment of Planning and Zoning: Mayor Southard was contacted by Scott Hipp who has resigned his position on the Planning and Zoning Board effective in July. Mayor Southard is appointing Chad Rowe to fill the position. Councilmember Bill Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 3-0 to approve the Mayor's appointment.

Trash Service Watch Program: Waste Management has received some training on what to watch for in neighborhoods. It is basically a neighborhood watch on wheels. Trash drivers notice things that may look suspicious. They can

call in and the police will be dispatched. This program will be very beneficial to the community.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City-Owned Property Appraisal Continued: City Administrator Nathan Law said staff has received the appraisal report for three city-owned properties. We are at the point where Council should discuss the following aspects of the properties:

- Desire to sell, and, if so, which properties?
- Does Council desire to utilize local real estate agency services on the sale of properties?
- Would Council like to set an asking price differently than what each property is appraised at?
- Are there any other considerations Council would like to discuss at this time?

Council agreed to table the discussion until the next regular meeting when all Councilmembers could be present. Administrator Law stated he would return with advertisement language and additional considerations for property sale.

Draft Budget Workshop & Calendar: City Administrator Law gave a proposed calendar for budget dates. Councilmember Maddax could not attend on July 13th, but was available on July 12th. After further discussion, it was decided to have the meeting on July 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Freedom Fest Donation: Administrator Law asked the Council if they would like to donate a free family pool pass for Freedom Fest. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Smith and carried 3-0, to donate a family pool pass to Freedom Fest.

Lot Split for Property at 27471 Metcalf Road: The Planning Commission discussed a proposed lot split property owned by LTB Farms, LLC at 27471 Metcalf Road. The proposed split would occur at two points, east/west along the length of the property, allowing for a three-way split of property for the three current owners, affording each an equal amount of land. The Commission received the presentation at their meeting last Wednesday from Jeff Skidmore, with Schlagel & Associates, P.A.

Lot Splits are an administrative process that do not require a public hearing. Planning Commission is tasked with making a recommendation of approval, or otherwise, of such splits to Council for finalizing the decision. If approved, the appropriate documents are filed with the County Register of Deeds.

After receiving the presentation and asking questions of Mr. Skidmore and staff, Planning Commission voted 6-0, to approve the lot split and recommend City Council approve the same.

All necessary fees for the application process and all other associated costs have been paid.

Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Dave Maddax and carried 3-0, to approve the lot split as written.

Building Code Update: Administrator Law said the Planning Commission requested staff look into updates to the current sets of codes from the International Code Council for various aspects of construction and mechanical work. The current list of codes and versions utilized by the City of Louisburg is as follows:

International Building Code	2003
International Residential Code	2003
International Plumbing Code	2003
International Mechanical Code	2003
International Fuel Gas Code	2003
International Fire Code	2003
National Electric Code	2002

An update of these code books will take time to weigh consideration of which version is common in the area and which sections of each code are commonly exempted out of by the respective governing bodies. The reason for exempting out of certain sections is typically to keep cost considerations for builders to a minimum while maintaining safety considerations and quality of build. A particular reason for this consideration in the past has been residential sprinkler requirements added after the 2003 version, increasing costs for homebuilders and subsequent homebuyers.

Each code book has a cost, the current total estimate of which is \$615.95.

Councilmembers had discussion and tabled the topic until a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:14 p.m. Councilmember Dave Maddax moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk