

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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 Lee Baer, Steve Town, Kalee Smith, Sandy Harris,
Thorvald McKiernan
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Communications Coordinator Jean Carder
Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd
Fire Department Brad Seely
Press
Visitors Karl Stuteville, Riley Long

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

City Administrator Nathan Law is removing item 10D. Councilmember Sandy Harris moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the February 4, 2019, minutes and bills list. Motion passed 5-0.

VISITORS

Karl Stuteville of Stuty III handed out information for a St. Patrick's Day Parade in the downtown on March 16, 2019. Stuteville would like to close Broadway from South 1st Street to South 5th Street. The parade would start at 11 a.m. Staff has asked him to contact local businesses that are affected by the street closing. Stuteville will also need to get a Special Event Permit. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 5-0, to allow the second annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Riley Long would like Council to consider a non-discrimination ordinance that would protect the LBGTO Community. Several cities have already adopted the ordinance. Councilmembers would like to discuss this at another meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Brad Seely gave an update over the past month. Chief Seely said the new fire truck would be delivered next week. The department has been very busy with calls over the last two weeks.

City Administrator Nathan Law said an entity the City is familiar with sent staff information on preferred partner of theirs in regard to a program to assist homeowners in making repairs to private utility lines in their yards. Law said the City's responsibility for utility lines ends at the connection point or meter for most utilities, and homeowners insurance may not always cover failure of yard lines. It would be up to a homeowner whether to participate in a program such as the one presented. Council asked if Law could bring back additional information at a future date.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Smith: Councilmember Kalee Smith said a resident contacted her about the number of basketball goals in the street in the Summerfield Farms subdivision and said there were quite a number of them. Administrator Law said Summerfield has an HOA and he will talk to them about making it a priority to get the goals off the streets.

Councilmember Baer: Councilmember Lee Baer asked Administrator Law for an update on the parking situation at Summerfield. Law said he attend the Summerfield HOA meeting last week. The HOA understood the parking needed to be addressed with the homeowners. One problem is that fire hydrants are no uniformly located on one side of all east/west streets. Administrator Law will bring back information to Council in the next couple of meetings after the HOA meets again.

Councilmember McKiernan: Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan said there have been more accidents at the 68-69 Hwy overpass at the east on- and off-ramp. He asked if the speed limit could be lowered or a stoplight installed.

Administrator Law said that would be up to the Kansas Department of Transportation since it is a state highway. Staff will contact KDOT about the issue.

Councilmember Harris: Councilmember Sandy Harris asked about the east/west street that goes by Price Chopper and into Louisburg Village Market. It is very confusing on who should yield or stop. Years ago, there was a yield sign in that area, but was hit by a car and was never put back up. Administrator Law said he would look at the final plats of the property and update Council what he finds.

Councilmember Harris said he has seen a few basketball goals in the Lake Subdivision, but does not think they have a problem yet.

MAYOR'S REPORT

2019 Appointments: Mayor Marty Southard presented the 2019 Appointments. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris and carried 5-0, to approve the 2019 Appointments.

Fire Chief Applications: Mayor Southard said there has been 21 applications for the Fire Chief position. A committee has been selected to conduct the interviews. Councilmember Steve Town will be the liaison for the Fire Department and candidates.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Stormwater Fee Proposal: City Administrator Nathan Law stated as part of the Olsson plan presentation at the last Council meeting staff provided thoughts on the maintenance side of the utility. As mentioned in the master plan document, there are approximately \$160,000 in repairs identified on a regular basis beyond the point of completing the first six priority projects. There is, however, an initial set of maintenance needs that ranked so high based on current condition that have been included in the report recommendation for 2019 and 2020 work. Those two years collectively total \$475,974 (\$331,904 in 2019 and \$144,070 in 2020). As of the most recent budget review, the stormwater utility has approximately \$700,000. The current needed maintenance would draw that fund down to approximately \$224,026 and see that amount increase to \$304,026 by year-end if the fund receives approximately \$80,000 in annual revenue. Additional considerations for the upcoming discussion of stormwater priority projects will further limit the fund if existing utility rate revenues are utilized for new infrastructure.

Discussed in the plan is a rate increase to \$8/month to allow for a doubling of annual revenue and enough to cover the long-term maintenance costs of existing infrastructure. Staff presented a comparison stormwater rate and additional budgetary information for communities in both the surrounding area and statewide. Staff recommended approving an ordinance increasing the stormwater utility fee to \$8/ month per utility customer.

Councilmembers had discussion on what areas needed to be identified for repair or replacement. A contractor would be hired to complete the maintenance work, Administrator Law said. Councilmember McKiernan and Smith don't believe we should raise rates, preferring instead to keep the current rates in place and look at it again in a couple of years. Councilmember Baer said waiting is what has happened in the past and it pushes the project costs into future years when it can become a larger expense. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Lee Baer to approve to the increase stormwater utility fee to \$8/month per utility customer. Councilmember Harris asked if we could put a sunset on the ordinance and review it anytime. City Administrator Law said yes we could. Motion died with a 2-3 vote with Harris, Smith and McKiernan voting no.

Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Lee Baer to increase the stormwater utility fee to \$8/month per utility customer and review rates in two years. Motion died with a 2-3 vote (Harris, Smith and McKiernan voting no).

Public Works Truck Bids: Administrator Law presented bids for two new Ford work trucks. The old trucks will be sold on Purple Wave. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 5-0, to purchase the 2019 F350 4x4 XL 6.2L V8 and the 2019 F550 4X4 XL 6.7L Turbo Diesel from Louisburg Ford.

Code Violation Resolution: City Administrator Law presented a Resolution to abate nuisance violations on the property at 1230 South 6th St. East. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Resolution 2-19-19.

Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage Ordinance: State Legislature made changes to allow businesses licensed to sell enhanced cereal malt beverage (CMB)

up to 6% alcohol by volume. Administrator Law presented an Ordinance amending city code to include enhanced cereal malt beverage changes as a result of SB 13. Councilmember Sandy Harris moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Ordinance 1102.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Fiscal Sustainability Plan: City Administrator Law presented the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sustainability Plan. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to accept the Fiscal Sustainability Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:37 p.m. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk