

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020**

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 Lee Baer was absent.

Council Members Steve Town, Thorvald McKiernan, Kalee Smith, Sandy Harris
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney Kelly Stohs
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Fire Chief Gerald Rittinghouse
Communications Coordinator Jean Carder
Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd
Press
Visitors:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Sandy Harris moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 4-0, to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the December 16th, 2019 minutes and bills list.

VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works: Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd said the City just received news that we are receiving a \$260,250 National Parks Service grant to enhance Lewis-Young Park. The grant will be used for improvements including new fencing on A and B fields, lighting and new pole installation on A field, construction of a nine-hole disc golf course, paving the parking lots next to B & C field and the area around the concession stand, and a pavilion located near the east parking lot at the soccer fields.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Gerald Rittinghouse reported the department had 305 calls in 2019. In 2020 they have received 7 calls thus far. The department will be helping the City of Peculiar at the funeral of a fallen firefighter that died in the line of duty last week.

Mayor Southard said he received a nice letter from Richard Ink that wanted to personally thank Fire Chief Rittinghouse and firefighters that helped him after a fall.

Police Department: Police Chief Tim Bauer presented information for a purchase for a 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor. This vehicle will replace the 2013 Dodge Charger with an all wheel drive police rated vehicle. We received quotes from Louisburg Ford, Shawnee Mission Ford and Olathe Ford. Chief Bauer recommended purchasing a new 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from Louisburg Ford, equipped as quoted, for the purchase price of \$39,481.88. Councilmember Steve Town asked if the charger would be traded in or would it go on Purple Wave. Chief Bauer said we would most likely trade it in, but we could do either. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 4-0, to approve the proposal for a 2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from Louisburg Ford as presented.

Administrator Law: City Administrator Nathan Law said the Flip Program in 2018 had 4 commercial owners and 5 homeowners that have received the grant. In 2019 we had 3 commercial owners and 19 residential owners. Thank you to the City Council for allowing this program to continue.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Kalee Smith: Councilmember Kalee Smith asked about the cones on N. 3rd St. Was this from the water main break that happened? Public Works Supervisor Hufferd said it will be taken care of in the next few weeks. It was caused by the water main break.

Councilmember Harris: Councilmember Sandy Harris said there have been so many scam phone calls is that something MoKan Dial could help stop. Chief Bauer said the State is involved trying to help with getting these calls to stop as well. Administrator Law said they would reach out to MoKan Dial.

Councilmember Harris would also like to see information regarding the Flip Program on the website. Administrator Law said he would make that happen.

Councilmember McKiearnan: Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan thanked staff with helping with unknown facts on social media.

Councilmember McKiearnan asked if packets could come in a pdf form. We are wasting police officers time by delivering them. Mayor Southard said he was also going to bring this up. Would Councilmember like Administrator Law to look into providing tablets or something similar? Councilmembers agreed to have Administrator Law bring back information at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Louisburg City Code: City Administrator Nathan Law said changes were made to the Louisburg City Code Book as directed by Council and other appropriate boards/commissions. Councilmember Steve Town asked why the Fire Chief was not listed under staff appointments. Administrator Law said it is listed separately. Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 4-0, to adopt The City Code Book by Ordinance 1116.

Leaf Burning: The leaf bin at the burn site has been a great success as there seems to be less leaf burning in town and the large number of leaves being dumped

at the site. At the direction of City Council, Staff has researched other options for leaf disposal and recommends the purchase of a vacuum trailer to haul leaves from the site. Leaves would be hauled to Belton where they would charge \$30 a load. Examples of a Weibang Debris Loader at \$7,198.00 and Little Wonder Debris Loader at \$18,256.00. Staff has also looked at forced air burning which would require the purchase of expensive equipment, upwards of \$100,000 +. Leaf composting is not a viable option due to federal and/or state regulations required and for Staff capacity to manage the sheer volume of leaves being left at the site. Councilmember McKiernan thinks the trailer needs to be bigger. Councilmember Town asked if KDHE allows for leaves to be put on the crop ground. Hufferd said he would look into it.

Councilmember McKiernan asked how many meters were left to be installed this year. Hufferd said there are 800 meters left to install.

Fire Chief Rittinghouse said Miami County EMS has put their 4th ambulance into service over in Hillsdale.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 p.m. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 4-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk