

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 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. Councilmember Kalee Smith was absent.

Council Members Lee Baer, Steve Town, Sandy Harris, Thorvald McKiernan
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 Sean Gordon, Brock Elliott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris and carried 4-0, to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the May 6, 2019, minutes and bills list.

VISITORS

Annual Audit 2018: Sean Gordon with the auditing firm Mize Houser & Company presented the 2018 Audit of Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Gordon gave the Council a brief overview of the audit results. Gordon said the City earned the highest marks as allowed under Kansas pursue prior to the next audit. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Lee Baer and carried 4-0, to receive and accept the audit.

Elliott Insurance: Brock Elliott with Elliott Insurance presented a dividend check for \$18,794.00. The check represents the dividends earned for participating in the Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Dividend Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Police Chief Tim Bauer reminded everyone that the click it or ticket campaign is going on now through June 2, 2019.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Town: Councilmember Steve Town asked if we cut put a curb on the North Metcalf sidewalks so cars know it is a sidewalk. City Administrator Nathan Law said he would talk to the county since it is a county road. The sidewalk is 6 foot instead of 5 foot to give people extra room for that purpose.

The stop sign at N. 12th and Metcalf is down. Public Works will get that taken care of Craig Hufferd said.

Councilmember Baer: Councilmember Lee Baer asked about water bills and the sewer average on bills. City Administrator Law said it is in the City Codes how we determine sewer averages.

For stormwater projects, Administrator Law said we would move forward with easements and have a public process for information to residents. We will send out for bids on construction and approve a contractor soon.

Councilmember Harris: Councilmember Sandy Harris said he was contacted by a Starbrooke resident that was not happy about the scheduling of work being done in the neighborhood. People's Communication had damaged yards and left mud pits along the front of homes. The resident was getting ready

for a graduation party and was not happy with all the mud in the streets. City Administrator Nathan Law said when the City gets a complaint we will direct them to contact People's Communication. If there is no response, the City will then contact them.

Mr. Harris also said the resident complained about the street work and said some notifications were left for residents after some had left for work and cars were towed. City Administrator Law said next year the City would do all the street work notifications. The cars that were towed were moved into the residents' driveway and the residents were not charged for a tow, Mr. Hufferd said. Councilmember Harris said at the end of the day everyone is happy with the improvements that done.

Councilmember Harris asked about the yield sign that was going to be placed by Price Chopper and the strip mall. Administrator Law is going to contact the Merrill Company and ask about installing one.

Harris asked about the S.W. corner of 68 what happened to that grass. Administrator Law said a truck cut the corner short and took it out.

Harris said the mud is still washing on the sidewalk along Danford Drive and it is going into the stormwater system. Administrator Law will bring back an erosion control requirement.

Councilmember McKiernan: Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan asked if we could do a check and balances with Waste Management. His WM billing at his Osawatomie location is never correct. If it happens over there, he is sure it happens in Louisburg too. City Administrator Law said the rates and contract for the City of Louisburg are on the City's website.

McKiernan said last month at the Planning Commission meeting a discussion occurred about the lot next to Napa that was recently purchased. Recommendation from Building and Zoning was that lot could not be graveled. The Planning Commission overturned the recommendation and is allowing it to be graveled. Mr. McKiernan think this should have gone to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmembers had discussion. City Administrator Nathan will take it back to the Planning Commission.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Field Rental & Parks Reservation Policy: City Administrator Nathan Law said the new Field Rental and Reservation Policy are working well but in practical use Staff has found some suggested changes.

The first changes the contact information for ball field rental from City Clerk and Louisburg Recreation Commission to just LRC as that organization holds the scheduling calendar.

The second change is to insert verbiage to indicate that only organizations may rent the camping areas at Lewis-Young Park.

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution and updated Field Rental & Parks Reservation Policies. Councilmember Lee Baer moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 4-0, to adopt Resolution 5-20-2019A.

Housing Study Resolution: Administrator Law presented the Housing Study Resolution making certain findings and determinations as to the need for the housing within the City of Louisburg, Kansas, and setting forth the legal description of real property proposed to be designated as a rural housing incentive district within the City. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember McKiernan said he doesn't just want to give money to the developers. Administrator Law said this helps the potential homeowners not just the developer. Councilmember Lee Baer moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 3-1 (McKiernan voting no) to adopt Resolution 5-20-2019B as presented.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Backup Generator: Administrator Nathan Law presented information regarding a natural gas generator and a diesel generator. The natural gas generator varies in price over diesel based on size of the generator to either accommodate backup power for emergency use or to curb the entire power consumption during peak shave. As a backup unit only, the natural gas unit exceeds diesel by \$162,000 and shows a payback period of 45.7 years based on the price difference of natural gas versus diesel. This is using current market assumptions, not considering any fuel price forecasting efforts for 10 or

more years. This difference in price is great for the larger natural gas unit, at \$445,000 higher initial cost, but reduces the payback period to 36.1 years. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris. Councilmembers had discussion. Motion carried 4-0, to use the diesel generator.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:23 p.m. Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk