

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 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.

Council Members Lee Baer, Steve Town, Sandy Harris, Thorvald McKiearnan, Kalee Smith
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 Doug Carder

Visitors Jenny Dover, Donna Hipp, Chris Kelly, Lizbeth Phillips, Edgar Phillips, Jacob Vickery, Doug Key, Wayne Knop, Barbara Smith, Jackie Waldron, Tabitha Ames, Deborah Hardy, Shava Vohs, David Wood, John Bjorguard, Tad Geiman, Megan Endres, Jim Vallacqua, Jim Real, Barbara Melton, Jim Stewart, C.E. Purvis, Aileen Lanier, Andy Sauber, Sharon Morisey, Colt Stone, Jessica McGowin, Jeannie Percy, Bryan Sterner and representatives of Louisburg Land Holdings, LLC and MMB, LLC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan inquired about the Sutherland LBR & Home CTR on the bills list. City Administrator said that they had requested the City change the name on the check; staff cancelled the previous check. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris and carried 5-0, to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the August 5, 2019, minutes and bills list.

**RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING –
LOUISBURG LAND HOLDINGS, LLC**

City Administrator Nathan Law provided the Council with a presentation on the proposed RHIDs.

Mayor Marty Southard opened the hearing for public comment. Twenty-nine people spoke at the Public Hearing. After the public spoke, Mayor Southard invited Louisburg Land Holdings, LLC representatives to discuss their project. Mayor Southard closed the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing closed at 9:30 p.m. After Council discussion, Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 5-0, to deny the RHID for the Louisburg Landing Holdings, LLC.

Mayor Southard asked for a 5-minute recess. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 5-0, to take a 5-minute recess beginning at 9:41 p.m. and to return at 9:46 p.m.

RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING – MBB, LLC

Mayor Marty Southard opened the Public Hearing at 9:46 p.m. There were no public comments. Mayor Southard invited Bob Bazin with MBB, LLC to discuss the project. After addressing the audience, Bazin requested to withdraw his proposal for the RHID. The Public Hearing closed at 10:04 p.m. With no action to be taken, Council moved to the next item.

DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE PROPERTY ABATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Southard opened the Public Hearing at 10:04 p.m. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 10:05 p.m. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Sandy Harris and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign the Finding of Facts for property located at 108 S. Broadway. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 5-0, to adopt Resolution 8-19-19, condemning the structure as dangerous and unfit, and authorizing the public officer or other agents of the City to abate the dangerous and unfit structure located at 108 S. Broadway in the City of Louisburg, Kansas.

VISITORS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department: Police Chief Tim Bauer said at the next Council meeting he would introduce a new Police Officer Candidate. The new police truck is having equipment installed this week. They are working with the State and County regarding the issues with the radios. A mobile communication unit has been set up behind the fire station and could be there for a month.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Baer: Councilmember Lee Baer said a resident that lives North on Rockville said the lights from Rockville Apartments are very bright. Administrator Law said he would have that checked.

Councilmember McKiearnan: Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan asked to have Planning and Zoning revisit the feather signs.

Pursuant to his understanding of Robert's Rules of Order, McKiearnan would like to bring motion to revoke the RHID districts, all three of them, for the next meeting. This notice allows a simple majority to decide the issue. Intending to eliminate that whole concept so that Council does not have to go through this again.

Councilmember Harris: Councilmember Sandy Harris thanked City Staff for all their work on the RHID.

Harris said he visited Sonic last week and agrees the noise is a problem. Police Chief Bauer said he has met with neighbors with their concern and came up with a plan to implement it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Standard Traffic Ordinance: City Administrator Nathan Law presented the Standard Traffic Ordinance. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan asked Police Chief Bauer if there was any changes regarding UTV's on state highways. Chief Bauer said he would need time to see if anything changed. Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 5-0, to table the STO and UPC Ordinances until next meeting.

Garage Sale Moratorium: City Administrator Law presented the garage sale moratorium ordinance. The following dates allow for garage sale signs to be posted.

September 18, 2019 – October 2, 2019
April 8, 2020 – April 22, 2020

Councilmember Sandy Harris moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Southard to sign Ordinance 1108.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:21 p.m. Councilmember Sandy Harris moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk