

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 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 Sandy Harris was absent.

Council Members Steve Town, Donna Cook, Thorvald McKiernan, Kalee Smith
City Administrator Nathan Law
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney
Police Chief Tim Bauer
Fire Chief Gerald Rittinghouse
Communications Coordinator Jean Carder
Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd
Visitors Jennifer Leikam, LHS Student Councilmembers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Kalee Smith led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Cook asked about a bill regarding security cameras at the pool. Administrator Law said these were put in early this summer, but we just got the bill. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 4-0, to approve the consent agenda to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the regular meeting September 21, 2020 minutes.

VISITORS

Administrator Law read an email from Jackie Boyce with Boyce Homes. She stated concerns regarding the new code guidelines and said Boyce Homes has lost business due to the new codes. Some code changes have added up to an additional \$15,000 to the home price, mostly involving insulation and other energy factors. Administrator Law told Council he would review and research this issue. Councilmember Town said he would like to see what Leawood has compared to

what Louisburg has. Councilmember McKiernan said didn't we just pay a company to have all this reviewed. Law said yes, and they are aware. Law will return with more information at a future meeting.

Jennifer Leikam: Jennifer Leikam event coordinator for Halloween on Broadway said the event has been relocated. Due to concerns from business owners, the event has moved to the LHS south parking lot. This will be a drive-through event and businesses will set up around parking spaces. Councilmember Smith asked why not just have it on Broadway and if those business owners that don't want to participate don't have to. Leikam said her employer, Dr. Jake of Louisburg Chiropractic Center, will only take this route or it will be canceled. Her name is on this event and she isn't going to feel responsible if there is an outbreak. She has received several nasty comments just moving the event. Leikam is asking for the police to still be present to help with control of traffic. Chief Bauer said they are very short handed, but would provide extra assistance.

LHS Student Council: LHS Student Council members asked permission to close Wildcat Drive from the high school to Wildcat Sports Complex for Homecoming. This year's homecoming will include a pep rally and float presentation at the stadium from 1:15 – 1:45 on Oct. 16th. Mayor Southard asked if Chief Bauer had any concerns. Bauer said they would be happy to help with the police escort as well. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Donna Cook and carried 4-0, to allow street closure for the LHS Homecoming on October 16, from 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department: None

Police Department: Police Chief Tim Bauer said they are still in the hiring process for the full-time Administrative Assistant. The County Commissioners issued a proclamation for Supporting our Law Enforcement Week Sept, 26- Oct. 3, 2020. The Police Department would also like to thank Governing Body for their support.

Administrator Law: Administrator Nathan Law said he would like Councilmembers to set a date for his Administrator Goals workshop. This could be from now until the end of the month.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Marty Southard received a thank you card and \$100 from vendors of the Louisburg Farmer's Market. They appreciate the use of the area and the assistance with what is needed to be successful.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Annual STO & UPOC: City Administrator Nathan Law presented the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 47th Edition of 2020, as amended. Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Ordinance 1130 as presented.

Administrator Law presented the Uniform Public Offense Code, 36th Edition of 2020, as amended. Councilmember Steve Town moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 4-0, to authorize Mayor Southard sign Ordinance 1131 as presented.

MoKan Dial, Inc. Franchise Agreement: Law presented a nonexclusive telephone franchise ordinance for MoKan Dial Inc. Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan moved, seconded by Councilmember Kalee Smith and carried 4-0, to accept as presented.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McKiearnan: Councilmember Thorvald McKiearnan asked for an update on the leaf trailer. Hufferd said he is working on it.

McKiearnan asked if we had received estimates to fix the sewer jetter. Hufferd said the pump was rebuilt by a technician but was unable to be permanently repaired. Another technician also attempted to repair motor but was not able to complete the repair. Both technicians recommended to purchase a new machine,

Hufferd said. McKiearnan said they are trying to sell a new machine. McKiearnan said we don't want to wait to the last minute on everything.

McKiearnan said there are have been a lot of food trucks lately in town and asked if they all have the necessary permit. City Clerk Storey said they are licensed and have had a background check.

McKiearnan asked about the curb work at the school and asked if we had received bids for this. Administrator Law said the school was allowed to take over the project and they put the bids out. McKiearnan said we need to start looking at how jobs are bid and not just award bids to the good ole boys. He said we need more interest on bids.

McKiearnan attended the Planning Commission meeting and provided an update on action taken at that meeting. McKiearnan asked about the tower at the wastewater treatment plant and said the tower should be a monopole.

Councilmember Kalee Smith: Councilmember Kalee Smith asked about the parking in Summerfield on N. 3rd St. East. Administrator Law said the HOA should be involved and any recommendation come from them, as was done the last time. He will contact them.

Councilmember Steve Town: Councilmember Steve Town asked about the house at 508 N. 6th. Law said the owners will come to the first meeting in November to show the progress. Councilmember Town asked if a structural inspection is required. Law stated that it would be required if this were taken through the code enforcement process, but at this point it is just highly recommended.

The Electric Light Show will be held on October 24th at the stadium. This will be following Halloween off Broadway. There will be fireworks following the concert.

Councilmember McKiearnan: Councilmember McKiearnan said he drove by the strip mall on Harvest Drive. The broken glass seems like it is everywhere. Administrator Law said we have reached out to the owner. McKiearnan said we need to clean this up it is a public safety issue and once it is cleaned up then bill the owner of it.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Kalee Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Thorvald McKiernan and carried 4-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

Marty Southard, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk