

Osawatomie, Kansas. **February 13, 2014.** The Council meeting was held in Memorial Hall. Mayor Govea called the meeting to order. Council members present were Dickinson, Farley, Hampson, Hunter, LaDuex, and Maichel. Absent was Walmann. Also present were City Manager Cawby, City Attorney Wetzler and City Clerk Elmquist. Visitors were Pastor Wayne Ova, Amanda Martin, Brian Kingsley, Travis Perry, Phil Dudley, Mike Moon and Colleen Truelson.

INVOCATION. Pastor Wayne Ova of Faith Baptist Church delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of the minutes of January 9 and January 23 Council Meetings, approval of February 13 Agenda, and approval of Appropriation Ordinance 2014-1. Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the Consent Agenda. Yeas: All.

Presentations, Comments from the Public:

Pastor Wayne Ova said the Church will be celebrating their 60th year on Labor Day and he has been there 27 years. The ministries at the church include teenagers and the prime-timers, over 50. Thanked the City Council for their work.

Amanda Martin, 416 14th Street, didn't know if she was doing the right thing by coming to the meeting. She wanted to say what her intentions were. She admitted she made mistakes but has struggled with the way things have been handled. What would have happened if they had sat down and talked? Comments were twisted and false and there was absolutely no reason it should have happened. She wanted an apology from the Council and said it has effected every person in this community.

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

MAIN STREET PROJECT – WATER AND STREET PROJECT PLANNING. Brian Kingsley, BG Consultants, spoke on the proposed water relocation project for Main Street since the water lines need to be relocated before any more improvements should be made to Main Street. Financing mechanisms for both the water line replacement and the Main Street repair/reconstruction were discussed. Kingsley presented a schedule for improvements based on maximizing grant funding to provide the best scenario for successful grant submissions. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Maichel to approve the engineering services contract with BG for the Main Street Water Distribution System Improvements 1st to 5th Street and 7th to 12th Street Project. Yeas: All.

New Business:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL RESIGNATION. Mayor Govea notified the Council that he had received and accepted a letter of resignation from Ward 2 Council Member Amanda Martin. Following procedure, he established the Nominating Committee comprised of the Mayor, the President of the Council and the remaining member from the same ward as the vacant seat. Their task is to seek out candidates and make a recommendation within 40 days of the notification. Individual Council Members may also nominate individuals. Upon approval by the Council the successor will complete the remainder of Martin's term, April 2015.

APPOINTMENTS.

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| Parks & Recreation | Sara Carter | 2014 |
| | Amy Johnson | 2015 |

Motion made by Farley, seconded by Maichel to approve the appointments. Yeas: All.

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| Planning Commission | Mike Gorman |
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Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Farley to approve the appointment. Yeas: All.

Public Housing Authority

Ben Maimer

Motion made by LaDuex, seconded by Hunter to approve the appointment. Yeas: All.

Tourism Committee

Marti McDougal 2014
Travis Perry 2014

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Farley to approve the appointments. Yeas: Dickinson, Farley, Hampson, Hunter and Maichel. Nay: LaDuex.

SELECTION OF POLICE RADIO TOWER & EQUIPMENT BIDS. Part of the Police Station project includes needed upgrades to the radio system and relocation of the radio tower. The attached bids are for new base radios and all connecting hardware and antennas. The project included \$27,000 for this item. The current radio system is not narrow-band compliant. The new unit will include a repeater system that will extend the range for the Fire Department. The 800 MHz hardware will allow communication across the state in case of a disaster. The bids received were:

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| Commenco | Kansas City, MO | \$17,892.35 |
| TBS Electronics | Topeka, KS | \$19,672.00 |
| TFM Comm | Topeka, KS | \$27,769.30 |

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the purchase of radio equipment from TBS electronics for \$19,672. Yeas: All.

2013 PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS. The 2013 financials are complete. City Manager Cawby put together a report to show where the City stands heading into 2014. Included were comparisons for both the Approved and Revised 2013 budgets. Generally, the ending balances from 2012 were maintained and the non-budgeted funds (mostly capital improvement funds), increased the balances by another 7.0%. The total fund balances look worse for 2013 due to a negative \$301,000 balance in the CIP-Sewer Fund, a result of a request for disbursement from the KDHE Loan not being received until 2014. The final numbers for 2013 will be in the auditor's report.

2014 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION. A change was made about a year ago on how the City processes payroll and claims. After the City Manager discussed this at a Council meeting, and with no objection, he implemented the change. The City now handles claims on a weekly basis which has become the standard among municipalities. Purchases over \$10,000 will still be brought to the Council as stated in the financial policies. The appropriation ordinance listing the warrant checks that were issued each month will continue to be distributed to the Council. The resolution provides for the appropriation, by fund, of the budget of the City for the year beginning January 1, 2014 and appropriating money from the funds to pay payrolls and claims. Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to approve the resolution providing appropriation of the 2014 budget and the City Manager appropriating money from the various funds to pay payroll and claims against the City for 2014. Yeas: All. The Resolution was assigned No. 678.

Council Reports:

Hampson: The Parks & Recreation will hold their first skate party this weekend. They had 110 people sign up. Youth golf sign-up ends tomorrow.

Maichel: Would like business cards to use when doing things for the Council. The Legislative Breakfast will be hosted by the City on Saturday. There needs to be a schedule of events on the Parks & Recreation's website.

Mayor's Report:

Will be a moderator at the Legislative Breakfast Saturday.

City Manager's Report:

Projects:

Rail-banking for Trail. A request for an extension on the rail-banking was sent to the Surface Transportation Board. Hoping to meet with the UP at the site in several weeks to walk the trail with them.

State Legislation. There are again several bills circulating the Statehouse that seek to limit the home rule authority of cities. There is a House bill to move elections to November.. Another bill seeks to limit the ability of cities to regulate firearms or knives. Also, the Senate bill to limit municipal involvement in bringing broadband to their communities has not been scheduled for a hearing at this time.

Levees. Was contacted by FEMA's consultant to kick off the pilot project on the LAMP procedures for the levy. Planning a true kickoff meeting in March to start the project.

Crumbling Building Facade. At 505 6th Street, the northwest corner of the building is crumbling from snow and ice melt getting in between the bricks. For public safety purposes, the parking area directly in front of Don's Barber Shop and the sidewalk have been blocked off. The owner was notified and he should have a plan by tomorrow. The plan for temporary stabilization may include having to brace the corner of the wall by putting a support out into the sidewalk and attaching it to the sidewalk. Should such a plan be allowed, the City will put time restrictions on this temporary fix until permanent repairs can be made.

Industrial Revenue Bond Policy. The IRB policy will be presented to the Economic & Community Development Committee for their consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL. At 8:39 p.m. motion was made by Hunter, seconded by Hampson to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel, with City Manager Cawby and City Attorney Wetzler to be present; and that the Council would reconvene the open meeting in this room at 8:48 p.m. Yeas: All. Meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m. No action taken.

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by LaDuex to adjourn. Yeas: All.

/s/ Ann Elmquist
Ann Elmquist, City Clerk