

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**

The Council of the City of Louisburg, Kansas met at 6:30 p.m. in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Curt Shreckengast presiding. Councilmember Sid Mitchell and City Attorney Mary Stephenson were absent.

Council Members David Cannon, Carolyn Karns, Glena Windisch,
Steve Ward
City Administrator Jeff Cantrell
City Clerk Traci Storey
Press Aaron Cedeno
Visitors Wayne and Sue Knop

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Karns and carried 4-0, to approve the consent agenda, to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the October 5, 2009 Council meeting, and approval of the bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Knop, representing the American Legion, presented the City of Louisburg with checks that totaled \$750.00. The Legion thanked the City for another successful event held at Lewis/Young over Labor Day weekend.

Sue Knop wanted to thank the City for all their help with Ron Weers Park. The playground equipment looks great and many children are playing on it. With all the donations that have come in from the Legion, Sons of the Legion, Lions Club and Rotary the playground equipment has all been paid for. Miracle on Metcalf will be held on December 5th at 5 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember Carolyn Karns commented that the parks all looked great. Hopefully the vandalism that has happened in the past couple of months has ended. The police will be keeping an eye on the parks to help ensure this will not happen again.

Councilmember Glenna Windisch advised the Council she has been receiving phone calls from a resident regarding her ditch. Administrator Cantrell commented that he has been in frequent contact with the homeowner. At this time her ditch is on public works fall schedule to be completed and will involve multiple ditches being reworked in order to resolve the drainage problem.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Curt Shreckengaust presented the bids for the Holiday Dinner. Mary Jo Weers will be doing the catering. The date will be announced at a later time.

Mayor Shreckengaust presented a Proclamation that proclaims the month of October, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 4-0, to proclaim the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Curt Shreckengaust suggested the Council look at the possibility of initiating a ¼ cent sales tax increase. This would align us with Paola's current sales tax rate and would keep us well under many of the metro prevailing rates. It would produce a minimum of \$150,000 per year. Further specifics were discussed and the required resolution will be drafted per Cantrell's administrative memo.

As a separate action Administrator Cantrell suggested that it might be an appropriate time to again consider Sunday sales in order to enhance and retain other ancillary retail sales that the city is currently losing. The Mayor continues to support this action. Upon further query of the Council unanimous support was given based upon the state of the economy. Staff will create a local ordinance authorizing Sunday liquor sales for action at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Jeff Cantrell presented the Cold Weather Rule which allow for special payment and disconnection procedures for any City of Louisburg residential customer with unpaid arrearages to retain or restore utility services throughout cold weather period, which extends from November 1 through March 31. Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 4-0, to adopt the Cold Weather Rule.

City Administrator Cantrell presented the K-68 Interlocal Agreement. This agreement was favorably discussed at the last Council meeting. Since that time our City Attorney has reviewed the agreement and has deemed it to be appropriate as to form. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 4-0, to approve the K-68 Interlocal Agreement.

Administrator Cantrell asked for a 10-minute executive session at this time to discuss a legal and personnel matters. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 4-0, to recess to executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 7:22 p.m.


REGULAR SESSION

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.


ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 4-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:


Curt Shreckengast, Mayor

Attest:


Traci Storey, City Clerk