

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

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 Shreckengaust presiding. Councilmember Glena Windisch arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Council Members David Cannon, Glena Windisch, Carolyn Karns,  
Steve Ward, Steve Town  
City Administrator Jeff Cantrell  
City Clerk Traci Storey  
City Attorney Mary Stephenson  
Press Kristen Waggener, Brandon Steinert  
Visitors Collyn Peterson, Rev. David Richardson, Ron Anderson

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 4-0, to approve the consent agenda, to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2011 Council meeting and approval of the amended bills.

**VISITORS**

Rev. David Richardson, from the First Baptist Church of Stilwell, inquired about hosting a neighborhood vacation bible school. As proposed, the event would be held at South Trails in the vacant land area, the second week in July. The church would serve a barbecue dinner and have a band perform which would require street closures. The second night of the event would include crafts and other activities. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell advised that they would need to formally submit their request to city staff to be considered under the terms of the newly adopted special event ordinance. The \$50.00 application fee and other submittals would be required at least 30 days in advance of the event.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**2010 Crime Report:** Police Chief Ron Anderson presented the Council with statistical data comprised within the 2010 Crime Report. Much of the department's time continues to be spent on lock-outs and other non-emergency service related calls. Crime stats are trending favorably and are believed to be the result of active neighborhood patrols. Chief Anderson advised the Council to potentially expect more fuel thefts as fuel prices continue to climb.

**National Night Out:** Chief Anderson spoke to the Council regarding the future of National Night Out Against Crime Program. Anderson said it has turned into a barbecue contest, with a live band and other entertainment instead of educating the public on safety as was the original intent of National Night Out. Anderson suggests the City consider dropping the event. City Administrator Cantrell believes that the Chamber of Commerce would be interested based on the fact that they are planning a local fundraiser event that shares similarity to the National Night Out barbecue. Cantrell will contact the Chamber to gage their potential interest and will report back to the Governing Body within 30 days.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

## **COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Councilmember Ward:** Councilmember Ward stated the 2012 Budget is going to be tight again. Employees are down to a minimum, but they continue to pick up the slack and do more with less.

**Councilmember Town:** Councilmember Town stated he received a letter from David Ediger, Miami County EMS Deputy Chief, thanking the fire department and city crews for their work during the recent snow storm.

Special thanks to Randy Broyles and Jason Grote for plowing ahead of the ambulance to provide access on Jackson Street.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Proclamation:** Mayor Curt Shreckengaust presented a Proclamation that proclaims the month of February as Heart Health Month. Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember Glenna Windisch and carried 5-0, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Heart Health Month Proclamation.

**Discussion Related to Ord. 744:** Mayor Shreckengaust explained the history of Ordinance 744 (Truck Parking) and suggested that it be revisited due to various benefits and needs. Councilmember Windisch commented that their dump truck has already been sold and will no longer be an issue of concern and believed that the matter was intentionally raised to coincide with her reelection. Council Member Windisch supports the notion of ordinance revision, provided it makes sense. After further discussion and debate between Mayor Shreckengaust and Councilmember Windisch it was proposed by Councilmember Ward, that a future work session date be set to allow discussion on the topic. It was mutually agreed by all that a specific date will be determined at the next Council meeting in March.

**Thank You Notes:** Mayor Shreckengaust read notes of thanks from the Vohs family and Agape Center.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Budget:** Administrator Cantrell clarified a budget misconception that was brought up during the truck parking debate. It was explained that the amount of the City's indebtedness is not inordinately high and must be compared against other full service cities that provide utilities in order to truly understand the debt position of the City. Other small cities may carry smaller debt ratios, however they do not always account for the debt associated with utility services. In the case of Louisburg, the majority of these utilities are provided by the City and therefore shown as part of the municipal debt outlay even though they are distinctively different forms of debt. In other cities this type of debt is not shown because it is secured separately by individual utilities through capital outlay. Such is the case with Water One and Kansas Gas. Unless these elements are fully understood

you can't compare apples to apples. Cantrell advised that staff would provide a comprehensive budget package this year to help residents and other stakeholders better understand the budgeting history of the City.

**1996 Ford Explorer:** Mayor Shreckengaust asked for formal action from the Council on the proposed sale of the 1996 Ford Explorer with proceeds being donated to the Louisburg Senior Center, which would be used to cover costs associated with the center's public transportation. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to declare the vehicle surplus property with proceeds from the sale to be conveyed to the Senior Center. Collyn Peterson thanked the Mayor and Council and expressed appreciation for the monetary pledge. The money will support area transportation for seniors that remains as a vital service to the Louisburg community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:29 p.m. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

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Curt Shreckengaust, Mayor

Attest:

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Traci Storey, City Clerk