

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010**

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.

Council Members David Cannon, Carolyn Karns, Glenna Windisch, Steve Ward, Steve Town
City Administrator Jeff Cantrell
City Clerk Traci Storey
City Attorney Mary Stephenson
Police Chief Ron Anderson
Press Brandon Steinert, Kevin Gray
Visitors Margaret Arnett, Sue Knop, Karen Stuart, Matt Goben, Andy Nowachek

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Karns and carried 5-0, to approve the consent agenda, to include adoption of the agenda, approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2010 regular Council meeting, and approval of the amended bills.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Sue Knop, representing Elliott Insurance Company, presented the Council with an insurance dividend check from EMC in the amount of \$7,365.58. Mrs. Knop thanked the Mayor and Council and the City of Louisburg for its participation in the Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance Group. They look forward to serving the City for years to come.

Karen Stuart, representing Louisburg Library, spoke to the Council regarding events that are scheduled for the summer reading program. Some of the events taking place will be Outdoor Water Games, Battle of the Bands and Yarn Bombing. The Council questioned the Yarn Bombing which would take place on Broadway. The teenagers would wrap yarn around city signs and handrails at business downtown. City Administrator Cantrell

stated with the City ordinances that are in effect you would not be able to wrap yarn around any signs. Mr. Cantrell stated a better place to do this would be at the Farmers Market. Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0 to allow the events discussed to take place, with the stipulation that Yarn Bombing be limited to trees at the Farmers Market. After discussion regarding the insurance for the Outdoor Water Games the motion was revised by Steve Ward that the Library must also provide liability insurance to the City of Louisburg. Second by Steve Town and carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margaret Arnett presented the Council a petition with 93 signatures to get the Windisch dump truck moved. Mrs. Arnett stated the daycare owner and other neighbors have been fighting for years, wanting that truck moved. Mrs. Arnett has talked to L & K owner Larry Smith, who gave the Windischs permission to park their dump truck at their location.

Andrew Nowachek representing the Farmers Market spoke to the Council regarding the opening of the market June 15th. Mr. Nowachek stated the hours would be 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Mr. Nowachek asked the Council about getting electricity at the Farmers Market site. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell informed that the City had previously offered to install an electrical service under the terms of a cost sharing agreement. Cantrell assumed that the offer still stood despite the fact that the Farmers Market had previously declined to participate. Cantrell advised against the City providing power at the site due to cost factors.

Travis Thompson spoke to the Council regarding the Planning Commission position that he previously held. Mr. Thompson stated he was shocked and disappointed that the Mayor would remove him from a board he has served on for the last 2 ½ years. Mr. Thompson stated that he was well qualified for the position and that if his last name had been different maybe he would still be serving on the Commission.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember Carolyn Karns questioned the lights out policy at Lewis/Young Park. City Administrator Cantrell stated we had a long standing policy in practice that requires the lights to be turned off by 10 p.m., or shortly thereafter. Despite attempts to search the records, staff has not been able to locate any written agreements with this specific provision. Cantrell cautioned that having an exact 10:00 shut-off time would pose a few logistical problems and therefore not recommended. This item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Karns commented on the Boot Camp that is exercising on the City picnic tables at the Ron Weers Park. Mayor Shreckengaust stated that no ordinance was in effect to keep anyone from jumping on the tables. Sue Knop stated last week she stopped and talked to Tori Battle regarding the picnic tables being used as exercise equipment. Mrs. Knop said there was no resolution from the conversation. Cantrell was concerned that posting of signs at the shelter would precipitate further vandalism. Matt Goben asked about an intended use policy that other cities use for parks like ours. Cantrell informed Goben that he was more than familiar with these types of these agreements and that they generally fail to produce worthwhile outcomes in these specific instances.

Councilmember Steve Town suggested to Karen Stuart that a generator would have to be used for the water slide to be used at the Farmers Market. Cantrell advised against the use of the City's generators. Miss Stuart thanked him for the suggestion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Curt Shreckengaust presented a Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, May 23, 2010 as Graduation Recognition Day. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to authorize the Graduation Recognition Day Proclamation.

Mayor Shreckengaust asked for a motion to reconsider Shaun Unthank to the Planning Commission Board. No motion was made. City

Administrator Cantrell and City Attorney Mary Stephenson concurred that the Council maintains 45 days from the original appointment to affirm or strike the appointment for cause. If no formal action is taken, the appointment automatically becomes effective after 45 calendar days.

Mayor Shreckengaust stated that Ordinance 744 needs to be updated. After discussion from the Council it was agreed to have Administrator Cantrell revise the ordinance. It was agreed by the Council that vehicle weight and parking restrictions would all be reviewed. To ensure an integral process, Cantrell stated he needed more clarification on what the Council was specifically looking for and asked for direction on the following three questions:

1. Does Governing Body intend to regulate trucks weighing over 16,000 lbs. Upon a poll, the majority answered affirmatively.
2. Does the Governing Body intend for this restriction to apply to all common city streets? Upon a poll, the majority answered affirmatively.
3. Does the Governing Body intend to prohibit overnight parking of large trucks on public streets? Upon a poll, the majority answered affirmatively.(for correction see June 7, 2010 minutes for changes)

Councilmember Ward felt that the issue was a witch hunt.

Mayor Shreckengaust suggested that a three month moratorium would be imposed to allow sufficient time for review. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to have City Administrator Jeff Cantrell prepare an ordinance amendment that that would resolve the issues.

Mayor Shreckengaust congratulated Councilmember Steve Ward on his recent appointment as Commander of Sons of the American Legion for the State of Kansas. Trish Ward was appointed to President Ladies Auxiliary for the State of Kansas.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Jeff Cantrell asked for a 15-minute executive session to discuss proposed terms of employment for a part-time police officer. Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember

David Cannon and carried 5-0, to approve a 15-minute executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 7:28 and reconvened in regular session at 7:43 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Steve Town, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to hire Dustin Duncan as a part-time police officer with a Level A pay, effective May 17, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Karns and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

Curt Shreckengaust, Mayor

Attest:

Traci Storey, City Clerk