

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 Shreckengaust presiding.

Council Members David Cannon, Sid Mitchell, Glenna Windisch,  
Carolyn Karns, Steve Ward  
City Attorney Marvin Barkis  
City Administrator Jeff Cantrell  
City Clerk Traci Storey  
Press Kristen Waggener  
Finance Director Sue Seuferling  
Visitor Andy Nowachek, Mike Behrhorst, Matt Goben, Patsy Bortner

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Mitchell asked for clarification on several expenditure items. 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 April 20, 2009 Council meeting, and approval of the bills list.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Andy Nowachek representing the Farmers Market spoke to the Council regarding the opening of the market in mid June. Mr. Nowachek inquired about possibly getting electricity at the Farmers Market site. Mr. Nowachek asked the Council if the fees and sign regulations stayed the same as last year. The Council responded by stating everything remains the same as last year.

Mike Behrhorst stated that on May 9<sup>th</sup> some residents will be doing a project clean up at the Farmers Market site from 8a.m. until noon. They will be putting in new mulch, benches and planting some rose bushes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Matt Goben presented a letter to the Council stating the public needs better communication with the City Government. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell stated the City's new website is now available with information that will be updated as needed.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Finance Director Sue Seufferling presented the Sales Tax Report to Councilmembers.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Curt Shreckengaust thanked Teresa Vickrey and Michelle Burdine for helping the Police with some children that were lost last week.

Mayor Shreckengaust suggested the City get certified with NIMS (National Incident Management System). City Administrator Jeff Cantrell stated the County could provide assistance as it relates to the intended Council training session for certification. City staff will also need additional certifications.

Mayor Shreckengaust requested a change in the format of the Agenda. The Council came to a consensus to change the format as requested by Mayor Shreckengaust.

Mayor Curt Shreckengaust presented the 2009 positions up for re-appointment. Mayor Shreckengaust suggested the following changes. Finance Commissioner Glenna Windisch, Public Safety Commissioner Sid Mitchell, PublicWorks/Streets Steve Ward City Prosecutor Nate Sutton, Planning Commission Mike Behrhorst (see attached). Councilmember Sid Mitchell made the motion to approve the appointments as presented. The motion died for lack of a second. There was discussion over the changes that were proposed. Councilmember Glenna Windisch made a motion to accept the changes keeping Corrina Hauer-Sullivan on the Planning Commission, and postponing the City Prosecutor position. Councilmember Carolyn Karns seconded the motion. After further discussion on the City Prosecutor position, Councilmember Karns withdrew her second.

Councilmember Windisch's motion then died for a lack of a second. There was further discussion relating to the City Prosecutor, Nate Sutton. Councilmember Carolyn Karns made a motion to include the appointment of Nate Sutton as the City Prosecutor, retain Corrina Hauer-Sullivan on the Planning Commission and accept the Council Commission changes for Steve Ward and Sid Mitchell. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Glenna Windisch and carried 4-1 with Councilmember Sid Mitchell voting no.

Mayor Shreckengast spoke to the Council about the selection of Mayor ProTem. Councilmember Glenna Windisch made a motion to elect Carolyn Karns as Mayor ProTem, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 4-0-1 with Councilmember Karns abstaining, to approve Carolyn Karns as the Mayor ProTem.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Carolyn Karns spoke to the Council regarding Powell Observatory. Councilmember Karns would like to get the community educated regarding lights out Saturday nights. The lights that are shining brightly on Saturday nights effect the telescopes at the Observatory. Councilmember Karns would like to see the public turn off any unnecessary lights from 10 p.m. until Midnight on Saturday night if at all possible. The Council would like to see the Louisburg Herald do an article on the Observatory to educate the public.

Councilmember Karns spoke about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at L/Y Park. Councilmember Karns stated Olive's Hope would be seeking votes to kiss the dog for charity.

Councilmember Sid Mitchell inquired about the garage at 402 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell stated a permit has been issued for demolition. City Inspector Greg Clayton will take a look at the property.

Councilmember Mitchell inquired about the tires that are still on the property at 202 South Vine Street. Administrator Cantrell will investigate the problem.

Councilmember David Cannon reported that he has received several phone calls asking if microphones could be available to the Councilmembers so the audience could hear better at Council meetings.

### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

City Administrator Jeff Cantrell presented the 2008 Audit report. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved to approve the 2008 Audit, Councilmember Steve Ward seconded the motion, and after further discussion it carried 5-0, to approve the 2008 audit

Administrator Cantrell presented an ordinance for the annexation of the Williams property on the SE corner of 287<sup>th</sup> and Rogers Road. The ordinance would allow them to connect to the City's public sewer system as they develop their home building site. Councilmember David Cannon moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Glenna Windisch to adopt Ordinance 967, an annexation of the Williams property. After further discussion it carried 5-0.

Administrator Jeff Cantrell reported the web designer has completed the City website. Mayor Shreckengast has requested some additional changes that will require expenditure beyond the \$2,000 that was previously authorized by the Council. Upon further discussion, it was requested that Cantrell investigate the additional costs associated with having a ward map and photos of the respective Councilmembers on the site. Administrator Cantrell will obtain cost information and will report back to Council and will continue to update the website on an as needed basis.

City Attorney Marvin Barkis asked for a 10-minute executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council recessed to executive session at 8:13 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 8:23 p.m.

Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sid Mitchell and carried 5-0, to recess to executive session for an additional 10 minutes to continue discussion on a personnel matter.

The Council recessed to executive session at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Councilmember Glena Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to recess to executive session for an additional 5 minutes to continue discussion on a personnel matter.

The Council recessed to executive session at 8:33 and reconvened in regular session at 8:38 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:38 p.m. Councilmember Glena Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Karns 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