

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 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 Pro-Tem Steve Ward presiding. Mayor Curt Shreckengaust was absent.

Council Members David Cannon, Ira Donovan, Steve Town, Carolyn Karns, Steve Ward

City Administrator Jeff Cantrell

City Clerk Traci Storey

City Attorney Mary Stephenson

Press Brandon Steinert

Visitors Bob Dodge, Mindy Spittler

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember David Cannon 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 June 6, 2011 Council meeting and approval of the amended bills.

**VISITORS**

Bob Dodge, Chairman of RWD4 requested an emergency water connection from the City of Louisburg. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell recommended the following stipulations:

1. RWD4 shall pay the variable prevailing city retail rate (\$6.80/1,000 gallons) to the City of Louisburg until the next rate adjustment occurs.
2. RWD4 shall pay the transportation rate of \$1.00/1,000 gallons to the City of Louisburg.
3. The base rate and transportation rate will adjust annually.

4. Disputes or claims pertaining to water quality, chlorine residuals and delivery pressures shall not constitute grounds for pro-rated or delayed payment.
5. Failure to remit monthly payment will result in loss of interconnect.
6. RWD4 maintains the option of refusing to draw water from the City of Louisburg at any time.
7. RWD4 shall bear any and all costs associated with repairs or improvements to the master meter.
8. RWD4 shall notify the City of Louisburg within 24 hours of taking emergency water.

The Council came to a consensus to have City Administrator Jeff Cantrell draw up a contract with the stipulations mentioned above.

Mindy Spitler from Surf-N-Go gas station, formerly Dominator Fuel, asked for permission for two signs. One of the signs would read “Under New Management” and would be placed in the landscaped area of the gas station. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell stated that only one sign could be placed and could not be any larger than 3x8 ft and would be limited to 30 days. Miss Spitler asked if they could also get a Grand Opening sign. Administrator Cantrell informed that the ordinance only allows for one sign. Miss Spitler opted for the “Under New Management” sign. Councilmember Ira Donovan moved, seconded by Councilmember Carolyn Karns and carried 5-0, to allow Surf-N-Go a 3x8 “Under New Management” sign for no more than 30 days.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

City Administrator Jeff Cantrell thanked the Police, Public Works and Fire Department for their help with the recent storms. Everyone pitched in and helped with the clean up.

Administrator Cantrell advised the Council that the fire hydrant project is nearly completed.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

### **COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Councilmember Karns:** Councilmember Karns stated the fishing derby was rescheduled for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Town:** Councilmember Town stated at the last school board meeting a crossing guard was approved for the Summerfield Farms crossing. The police will help with the training and the City will provide equipment.

**Councilmember Town:** Councilmember Town stated with the recent storms the Fire Department has been busy with people taking shelter. Councilmember Town inquired about a new sign that would let people know to park in the back instead of in front of the bay where the fire trucks are parked. City Administrator Jeff Cantrell said that would not be a problem and that staff could order the requested sign. Brandon from the Herald advised that a recent story had run that explained such details.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Ward stated that July 4<sup>th</sup> is on the first Monday of July necessitating a change in the first July council meeting. The Council meeting will be changed to Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember David Cannon moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Town and carried 5-0, to change the next Council meeting to Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Stop Sign North 5<sup>th</sup> and Broadway:** City Administrator Jeff Cantrell said he has investigated the feasibility of removing the stop sign on North 5<sup>th</sup>

and Broadway. Based on the following, staff recommends against the removal of the signs:

- \* A local Kansas Trooper reports having recently cited a motorist for driving 61 mph north of this location while on Broadway in the vicinity of N. 10<sup>th</sup> and Broadway

- \* There are no sidewalks along this major arterial and we have frequent pedestrians that use the street for walking to and from the business district.

- \* City Hall has not received any complaints regarding the existing stop signs.

- \* Traffic, albeit a small amount continues to feed onto Broadway from the west side of the intersection.

City Administrator Cantrell recommends that the signs remain in their existing configuration.

**Vandalism:** Administrator Cantrell informed the Council that vandals spray painted the Lake shelter over the weekend. Other businesses in the area were similarly vandalized. The City has offered a \$500.00 reward to anyone that can identify the vandals. The Governing Body can increase the reward if later needed.

**Fishing Derby Rescheduled:** Due to the storms late Friday night into Saturday morning the fishing derby was cancelled. The fishing derby is rescheduled for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Garage Sale Moratorium:** Administrator Cantrell reminded the Council that discussion relating to the continuation of the garage sale moratorium would be scheduled sometime during the month of July per previous direction of the Council.

**Stop Sign:** Councilmember Town queried the Council as to what formal action needed to be taken in order to remove the stop signs. Cantrell advised that no action would be required if the signs were to stay, but that

formal action of the Council would need to occur if the signs were to be removed. Brief discussion followed and no formal action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:58 p.m. Councilmember Carolyn Karns moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:

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Steve Ward, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

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Traci Storey, City Clerk