

**CITY OF LOUISBURG, KANSAS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 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.

Council Members David Cannon, Glena Windisch, Carolyn Karns,
Steve Ward, Sid Mitchell
City Attorney Mary Stephenson
City Administrator Jeff Cantrell
Finance Director Sue Seufferling
Police Chief Ron Anderson
Press Kristen Waggener
Visitors Bill Smith, Rita Cassida, Cathy Pemberton, Craig Holtzen,
Bridget Enquist, Corrina Hauer-Sullivan, Matt Goben

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 July 6, 2009 Council meeting, approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2009 Council meeting and approval of the bills as revised.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Cathy Pemberton requested the Council review the sign regulations. She stated the stringent regulations regarding directional real estate signs makes it more difficult for potential home buyers to know where homes are for sale. She also suggested modifications to the garage sale sign regulations.

Steve Graue of Graue Winery requested approval to sell wine at the Farmers' Market on Saturdays. State Statute KSA 41-101 et. seq. allows for the sale in original and unopened containers. He presented documentation showing he is properly licensed with the State. He was advised since the Farmers' Market is held on public property a public hearing should be held before a decision is made. Councilmember Glena Windisch moved,

seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to schedule a public hearing for the August 17, 2009 Council meeting.

Craig Holtzen began by complimenting the Governing Body and their predecessors for the responsible management of City funds, especially during the current economic times. He requested the Council consider not raising the mill levy for the 2010 Budget. A 3.8 mill increase had previously been discussed by the Governing Body. The Council addressed the reasons for the possible increase.

Bridget Enquist of 401 S. 3rd Street requested the alley to the west of her house be closed or vacated from South 3rd Street to South 4th Street. She cited problems with the neighboring house to the west using it as a driveway and driving in her yard as the reason for the request. The Council discussed the pros and cons of vacating the alley, utility easements, etc. Administrator Cantrell recommended that the alley not be vacated. Staff will continue to review the matter with future recommendations to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Corrina Hauer-Sullivan expressed concerns, as a realtor and citizen, about the number of home foreclosures and the impact a mill levy increase will have on citizens. She asked if Sunday liquor sales would help sales tax revenue and was advised that it would not. Liquor taxes go to the State.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Ron Anderson asked Sgt. Bill Smith to join him at the podium. Chief Anderson read a letter of commendation written by him to Sgt. Smith. The letter praised Sgt. Smith for his exemplary actions during a recent family abduction involving a mother fleeing the state with her 2-year old daughter. The child was recovered safely. Sgt. Smith also received a letter of appreciation and a certificate of appreciation from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The Council commended Sgt. Smith for his actions.

Chief Anderson reported that the most recent addition to their fleet is being properly outfitted for use. The vehicle will be located at Sgt. Smith's residence until completed as Sgt. Smith is doing the work on the vehicle.

Chief Anderson presented a draft of an ordinance to install "No Parking" signs on North 1st Street East from Summerfield Drive east to the pool drive on the south and to the drive of the residence at 1202 N. 1st Street East on the north. The residence at 1200 N. 1st Street East has commercial vehicles parked on the street and the department has received complaints about hampered views of children crossing to go to the pool. The Council was also advised that the area is a school bus stop for children. A motion was made by Councilmember Sid Mitchell to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Carolyn Karns seconded the motion. There was discussion about the vehicles at the residence of 1200 N. 1st Street East. Councilmember Mitchell withdrew his motion and Councilmember Karns withdrew her second. This subject was tabled until the August 17th meeting to allow further consideration.

Chief Anderson reported that the grant applied for by the department, for an additional officer, was not approved. It will be re-considered at a future date.

Chief Anderson advised that he met with the USD 416 Athletic Director regarding security at sporting events. The school district currently pays off-duty officers directly for security at all sports events except football. The City pays the security for football and is reimbursed by the school district. The school district would prefer to pay the officers directly. There was discussion on liability to the City due to use of City vehicles and equipment. It was decided to continue paying for football security through the City.

Chief Anderson stated he has a meeting scheduled with the new school superintendent and the high school principal regarding procedures between the school and police department with the absence of an SRO officer. Chief Anderson was asked about the percentage of time spent on disturbances, arrests, etc. handled by the SRO. It was estimated that about 20% of the SRO's time was spent on these matters. The SRO also helped with traffic, sports events, counseling and tutoring.

Chief Anderson indicated that National Night Out is scheduled for August 15th.

Chief Anderson advised that Joey Thompson built a podium for the department as an eagle scout project.

Chief Anderson reported that Officer Justin Harrington submitted his letter of resignation effective August 12, 2009. Anderson also advised that another officer, off for medical reasons, may be unable to return to work. Councilmember Sid Mitchell questioned the number of officers scheduled to work the day shift, night shift and back up for these officers. Councilmember Mitchell made a motion to authorize the hiring on one officer and if available and qualified a second officer. He withdrew his motion after Administrator Jeff Cantrell requested an executive session to discuss the personnel in question. Councilmember Carolyn Karns moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to have a 20 minute executive session, at the end of the regular meeting, to discuss police personnel.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Mary Stephenson updated the Council on the pending Park Meadows Case. The hearing date has been extended to sometime near the end of August.

COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORTS

Councilmember Carolyn Karns presented a flyer regarding "Louisburg Night" at Powell Observatory.

Councilmember Sid Mitchell asked about painting the crosswalks before school starts. He was advised that the work is being coordinated with the Safe Routes To School program.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Curt Shreckengaust presented a request for a water leak adjustment at 601 Countryside Drive. The Council was advised that the problem had been located and repaired. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sid Mitchell and carried 5-0, to approve the leak adjustment, as presented, on a one-time-only basis.

Mayor Shreckengaust reported the American Legion Truck and Tractor Pull is set for September 4 & 5, 2009 at L/Y Park. The Legion has requested the Council approve a resolution allowing coolers and alcoholic beverages at the park for the event, as in the past. There will be no sale of alcoholic beverages and the Legion will provide security for the event. The

resolution was presented for consideration. Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember David Cannon and carried 5-0, to approve the resolution as presented.

Mayor Shreckengaust asked about the Governing Body's progress on the NIMS program. Councilmember Mitchell has completed part of the program.

Mayor Shreckengaust received cards of thanks from Laverne Stringham and Artie Stuteville.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Jeff Cantrell asked City Engineer Rita Cassida to address the current street improvement project. Engineer Cassida presented proposed changes needed to the original improvement plan. The changes would increase the approved project costs from \$325,000 to \$350,000. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Sid Mitchell and carried 5-0, to approve the improvement changes and costs as presented.

Engineer Cassida presented a proposed agreement with McAfee Henderson Solutions for construction inspections on the Safe Routes to School project. Cost for the inspection services would not exceed \$24,137.62. Councilmember Glenna Windisch moved, seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0, to authorize Mayor Shreckengaust to sign the agreement as presented.

Administrator Cantrell addressed the 3.8 mill increase proposed for the 2010 Budget. He explained the City's capital and infrastructure needs associated with the proposed 3.8 mills. The proposed increase could be lowered 1 mill by decreasing current staff by one employee. Administrator Cantrell stated a total freeze on the mill levy is not a good option due to the long term consequences upon infrastructure. Council members expressed concerns about a total freeze and discussed options.

Matt Gobin, who did not get a chance to speak under the "Public Comments" section, requested to address the Council. He stated he hated to see taxes raised but urged the Governing Body not to decrease police or fire personnel. He suggested cutting the street improvement budget.

Councilmember Carolyn Karns made a motion to have a 10 minute executive session at this time to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sid Mitchell and carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to executive session at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 8:27 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

It was reported that a staff position had been identified to eliminate which would lower the mill levy increase for 2010 to 2.8 mills. The public hearing for the 2010 Budget will be August 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:36 p.m. the Council recessed to executive session for 20 minutes to discuss police personnel. They reconvened in regular session at 8:56 p.m.

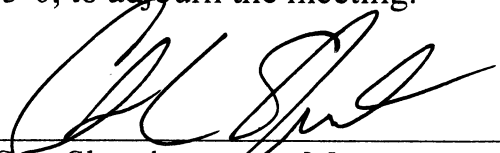
REGULAR SESSION

Councilmember Sid Mitchell made a motion to authorize the hiring of Kiel Lasswell as an Officer II at a salary not to exceed \$15.66 per hour effective this date and as an alternate to hire Shane Thomas McClintock as an Officer II at a salary not to exceed \$15.66 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steve Ward and carried 5-0.

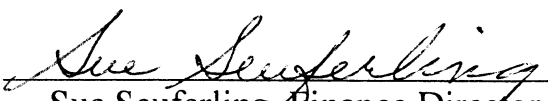
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 p.m. Councilmember Steve Ward moved, seconded by Councilmember Sid Mitchell and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Approved:


Curt Shreckengast, Mayor

Attest:


Sue Seufferling, Finance Director