



CALL TO ORDER - The Governing Body met for a regular meeting and the following commission members were present in the commission chambers: Mayor Pro-Tem Camalla Leonhard, Commissioners Myron J. (Mike) Griswold, Mark Preisinger and Jermaine Wilson. Absent: Mayor Nancy Bauder.

Staff members present in the commission chambers: City Manager Paul Kramer, Public Works Director Brian Faust, Police Chief Patrick Kitchens, and Deputy City Clerk Cary L. Collins.

Members participating via teleconference: David E. Waters, City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Leonhard asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by silent meditation.

Mayors Award to Craig Idacavage for his dedication to the youth in the City of Leavenworth. Mr. Idacavage was recently recognized as the Kansas Elementary Principal of the Year by the Kansas Principal's Association. Mr. Idacavage is the Principal at David Brewer Elementary School. Mr. Idacavage accepted the award.

Proclamations:

- **National Historic Preservation Month** – Leavenworth Preservation Commission members Edward Otto and Richard Jackson were present to accept the proclamation.
- **National Police Week May 9-15** – Chief Patrick Kitchens was present to accept the proclamation.
- **National Public Works Week May 16-22** - Public Works Director Brian Faust was present to accept the proclamation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Preisinger moved to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Leonhard declared the motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment: *(emails received by the public for public comment on non-agenda items will be read at this time limited to 2-3 minutes)*

No emails were received.

Brian Stephens, 2614 S 25th St

- West Limit Acres and Whispering Hills
- Objective is to present relevant facts related to area infrastructure that require assessment, planning and action in our neighborhoods

- Introduced audience members Kathy Sheehan and Travis Denney as neighbors there for support
- 30 to 40 neighbors watching meeting via Facebook live
- Attended Commission Meeting four months ago on same subject on January 11, 2021
- Vilas and Limit from 20th to 22nd Street.
- Email campaign, one response from unnamed city leader that stated “looking at low-cost solution”, did not sit well with him
- He apologized for his message not being clear initially
- Henry Leavenworth, deteriorating roads, school queue
- Handed printed PowerPoint presentation to Commissioners
- 3rd slide, “how did we get here” started in 1996
- Henry Leavenworth opened in 2010
- Parents walk/drive, no mention of vehicle drop-off and pickup procedures
- CIP \$800,000 to redo Vilas and Limit from 20th to 22nd Streets
- Real world scenario, fire departments ability to respond based on road size vs. fire truck size
- Call to action, what to do for roads
- Presented Deputy City Clerk with 87 letters signed by area residents

The City Commissioners individually thanked Mr. Stephens and said they would take his comments into consideration.

General Items:

Lakeview Drive Improvements – City Manager Paul Kramer presented for review and discussion improvements to Lakeview Drive. The 12 acre property along Eisenhower Road and Lakeview Drive west to the property line of Frontier Community Credit Union is under contract to be purchased for a multi-phase commercial development with the first tenant being Culver’s Restaurant. At the May 3, 2021 Planning Commission meeting, the commission recommended rezoning of the property to General Business District (GBD). One major factor to the redevelopment is the current condition of Lakeview Drive which is not at an acceptable standard to safely access the development. Staff recommends moving forward with design and construction of a section of the Lakeview Drive contingent upon full approval of rezoning the property to GBD. Engineering and construction is estimated to cost \$300,000.00 which would include curb and gutter with stormwater service that would adequately serve the development. Funding for the road improvements would be available through a combination of pavement management funds, Federal Funds Exchange dollars, economic development funds and the City’s general fund. Staff is asking for a consensus for staff to pursue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leonhard asked Mr. Kramer where the \$300,000 comes from, Mr. Kramer stated that the city has funds that are specifically for economic development fund projects which come from the county wide sales tax that the commission set aside a portion of for these type projects. Additional funding will come from the pavement management fund and highway funds received from the federal government. There was a consensus from the Commission for staff to move forward and pursue details of the project.

2021-2022 City Commission Goals – City Manager Paul Kramer presented for consideration and approval the 2021-2022 City Commission Goals. The City Commission met on Friday, April 9, 2021 for their annual

goal setting session. The goals for 2021-2022 have been updated and finalized based on input from the Commission. The Goals document was presented for approval.

Commissioner Griswold moved to approve the 2021-2022 City Commission Goals. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Leonhard declared the motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve claims for April 24, 2021 through May 7, 2021, in the amount of \$1,704,446.23; Net amount for Payroll #9 effective May 5, 2021 in the amount of \$339,445.22 (No Police & Fire Pension). Commissioner Preisinger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Leonhard declared the motion carried 4-0.

Other:

Commissioner Leonhard

- Saturday, May 15, 2021 Armed Forces Day. Recognize retired, active, and to all that have served, thank you for your service.
- Riverfront Community Center at Landing Park “To Be at War” public art exhibit. Opened April 22 goes on until June 4, all need to go down and take a look, and it is free. Has toured it personally, it is a moving art exhibit

Commissioner Griswold:

- Starting Thursday, May 14 COVID-19 vaccination clinic located at 500 Eisenhower Leavenworth County Health Department
- Matrix is favorable and low, believes it can stay low if everyone gets vaccinated

Commissioner Preisinger

- A couple of months ago discussed owner of Genesis Health Clubs
- Owner of Genesis, has many health clubs in Kansas/Missouri area
- In Kansas as of now, is \$500,000 to \$750,000 in the rears on property taxes owed
- Owner was pushing hard to make his clubs property tax free, he ran this four or five years ago and it failed in the Kansas Senate after someone got up and said here’s the money that he has given to each one of you legislators and then many of them voted “no” at that time
- Believe it was voted down again this year, applauds legislator for voting it down
- Mr. Stephens does have a lot of money that he passes around to people of interest in the political realm
- Advice to Mr. Stephens is to use that money to go ahead and pay your property taxes, that’s a deduction off your bottom line, political contributions are not

Commissioner Wilson

- Encourages everyone in the community to continue to love and pray for one another

City Manager Kramer:

- Wollman Aquatic Center, free pool passes this year, most popular effort possibly ever
 - 1400 households signed up
 - Occupancy limit 525 (based on fire dept. established guidelines on the space there)
 - If we get a hot summer, may have to start a head count, but don't anticipate it being problem
 - Could use 10 more lifeguards, early June classes available, good for high school or college students, or anyone else interested, contact Parks and Recreation Department
 - Need additional concession workers, details available on city's website
- 600 Cherokee commercial building purchase couple weeks ago, six potential developers toured so far, Request for Proposals due by 2 p.m. May 20
- CAMP Leavenworth announced and Melissa Etheridge has been announced headliner on Saturday night
- June 1 Commission Meeting, Kelly O'Neil will give update on CAMP Leavenworth
- Two more adopted parks, seven new organizations
- Dougherty Park start taking down old equipment next week, firm will install new equipment
- Warranty work to basketball courts at Dougherty Park
- COVID transition; limited, but expanded occupancy at Riverfront Community Center a week ago Monday
- Riverfront Community Center will go back to full capacity on May 18, still haven't seen the groups come back, but requests for weddings, graduation parties, and other events are scheduled this year

Adjournment:

Commissioner Preisinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Griswold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Time Meeting Adjourned 7:51 p.m.

Minutes taken by Deputy City Clerk Cary L. Collins, CMC