



CALL TO ORDER - The Governing Body met in regular session and the following commission members were present: Mayor Jermaine Wilson, Mayor Pro-Tem Myron J. (Mike) Griswold, Commissioners Nancy Bauder, Larry Dedeke and Mark Preisinger.

Others present: City Manager Paul Kramer, Assistant City Manager Taylour Tedder, Fire Chief Gary Birch, Deputy City Clerk Cary Collins, City Attorney David E. Waters and City Clerk Carla K. Williamson.

Mayor Jermaine Wilson opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by silent meditation.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS:

National Drinking Water Week – Joel Mahnken from Leavenworth Waterworks was present to accept the proclamation.

Leavenworth Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta 30th Anniversary – Chandra Fairley and members of the Chapter were present to accept the proclamation.

Arbor Day – Steve Grant, Parks and Recreation Director was present to accept the proclamation.

National Travel and Tourism Week – Taylor Tedder, Assistant City Manager was present to accept the proclamation.

Mayor's Award was presented to Stacy McCowen owner of Candle Queen Candles.

Mayor's Award was presented to the Leavenworth High School Theatre Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Preisinger moved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Second Consideration Ordinance:

Second Consideration Ordinance No 8099 Amending Chapter 14; Amusements and Entertainments – City Manager Kramer presented for second consideration. The ordinance was placed on first consideration at the March 26, 2019 City Commission meeting. Upon approval of the ordinance, staff will issue refunds for all Automatic Music and Amusement license fees paid in 2019 within the next 30 days.

Mayor Wilson called the roll and Ordinance 8099 passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen Participation:

Angela Jennings lives on Spruce Street:

- Her yards gets a little overgrown and notices that sometimes new tree growth begins
- Hayfield near house has many fireflies
- Ask the city to reconsider the mowing of city parks and allow the grass to grow as to not disturb the natural habitat
- Keep areas maintained but don't disturb new trees
- Wants parts of Hawthorn park keep unmowed for the fireflies and possibly add wild flowers
- Havens is an example park

Commissioner Dedeke

- Does not want the grass to get too tall to overload the mowers
- Not clear on how tall the grass is to get

Commissioner Bauder

- Looks like she is looking for a natural habitat

Commissioner Griswold

- Is all for natural habitats
- Could devote a portion of a study session to discuss

Commissioner Preisinger

- There is no shortage of trees in Leavenworth or Leavenworth County
- Open spaces needed for kids in parks
- Interest in hearing from staff and report back to the commission

James Gebhardt- 2500 Kensington Place:

- Mr. Gebhardt addressed the Commission regarding vehicles running red lights
- Would like the commission to request from the police department data related to accidents as a result of running red lights
- Asking for voluntary compliance is not an enforcement option

Jerry Hanson (Commander of the American Legion baseball program)

- Wants extra time at Sportsfield by ½ hour to help the teams warm up before games
- Wants Eagles field fence line to be extended
- Wants the Legion team to have priority at Eagles field for practices
- Waive fee for use of Eagles field for the Legion team to use for practice
- Wants pitcher's mound to be constructed at Eagles field

Commissioner Bauder

- Why would we waive the fees when people park where there are no parking signs
- People park there anyway regardless of the no parking signs and breakdown the area by the fields
- Need parking in the area

There was a discussion regarding the parking lot and if it belongs to Eagles.

Commissioner Preisinger

- Overflow parking at Mama Mia's uses the Eagles parking lot and they should be very approachable to see if parking for the Eagles ball field is okay
- Not in favor of giving exclusivity without reserving

Mayor Wilson

- Asked the City Manager if there is anything that could be done during the budget period

City Manager Kramer

- Can address the fence line with the existing 2019 budget
- Backstops would be looked at in the upcoming CIP
- Field rental is \$25.00 per hour
- If no one has reserved Eagles field it can be used on a first come first serve basis

Bruce Simpson (**American Legion baseball program**)

- Addressed the commission about practice times
- Has provided the parks board with a schedule of practices
- Eagles field is the only regulation fields that accommodates the legion team
- 2 hours of practice needed
- His players need priority
- Worker who opens the field is there at 5:00 pm anyway and feels the field should be open to use

Mayor Wilson:

- In favor of reducing the fee for the team
- In favor of having a study session

Commissioner Bauder

- Not in favor
- The commission has been over this every year

Commissioner Dedeke

- In favor of having a study session

Commissioner Griswold:

- In favor of a study session

Consensus to place on a Study Session to discuss Eagles reservation and time allotted to use field for practice before the games.

General Items:

University of Saint Mary Marketing Class Presentation – City Manager Paul Kramer explained that the City Commission 2018-2019 Goal Setting Session directed that the City engage in partnerships that would benefit the overall appearance of the City. Mr. Kramer met with Sister Diane Steele in the fall of 2018 to

discuss a class project for the marketing class at the University of Saint Mary (USM). Mr. Kramer met with the students three times to discuss the project to bring awareness to the litter/trash problem in the community. Students Fred Crawley, Jasmine Cervantes, Sean Ellis, Ashton Findley, Devyn Harman and Robert Tapia and Assistant Professor of Economics and Marketing Bethany Stanley provide a presentation.

Members of the class presented the following to the Commission:

- Litter is due to the lack of civic pride within the community
- Suggested a social media campaign
- Pictures on trashcans
- Reviewed marketing ideas and logo
- Suggested posters with various messages
- Large Trash can – Giant Trash Can
- Three Mile Creek Trail Signs
 - “Top Reasons Why I litter” signs
- Video Challenge - post a video and challenge others to post a media
- Dog Bandanas teaming up with Leavenworth Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) and Leavenworth County Humane Society (LCHS)
- GIF – Clean up Leavenworth
- Film with a drone
- High School Trash Can painting

2019 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Star Gas, 788 Spruce Street – City Clerk Carla Williamson presented for consideration an off premise Cereal Malt Beverage license requested by Sai Namah, LLC for Star Gas located at 788 Spruce Street.

Commissioner Preisinger moved to approve the 2019 off premise Cereal Malt Beverage license for Sai Namah, LLC, 788 Spruce Street Leavenworth Kansas. Commissioner Dedeke seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Extend Review Deadline for Dangerous Structure at 202 Pottawatomie – City Manager Paul Kramer presented for approval to continue the review of 202 Pottawatomie to the May 14, 2019 City Commission meeting. The City Commission granted an extension of this property on the demolition list to be reviewed at the April 23, 2019 meeting. The owner has applied to the State of Kansas for grant funds to be used to rehabilitation the structure listed on the Kansas Register of Historic Places. The hearing for the grant funds took place on February 8, 2019 but the State Historical Preservation Office has indicated that grant recipients will not be announced until early May. Staff recommends moving the item to the May 14, 2019 meeting for further review.

Commissioner Griswold moved to continue the review of 202 Pottawatomie for discussion to May 14, 2019. Commissioner Dedeke seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Mayor’s Appointments:

Mayor Wilson moved to recommend the following appointment.

Building Code Board of Appeals:

- Reappoint Jim Powell to a term ending May 1, 2024

Electrical Board of Appeals:

- Appoint Craig Schmidling to a term ending May 1, 2024

Library Board:

- Reappoint Lisa Weakley to a term ending April 30, 2023
- Appoint Irene N. Spiller to a term ending April 30, 2023

Mechanical Board of Appeals:

- Appoint Carl Kreutzer to a term ending May 1, 2024

Plumbing Board of Appeals:

- Appoint Michael McCann to a term ending May 1, 2024

Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Adopt 2019-2020 City Commission Goals - City Manager Paul Kramer presented for consideration the goals set by the City Commission at the April 10, 2019 Goal Setting Session.

Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the 2019-2020 City Commission Goals as presented. Commissioner Dedeke seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bauder moved to approve claims for April 6, 2019 through April 19, 2019, in the amount of \$902,193.95; Net amount for Payroll #8 effective April 12, 2019, in the amount of \$317,036.76; (No Police & Fire Pension). Commissioner Dedeke seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Other:

Commissioner Bauder

- Would like to propose that there is no need to further study the stormwater issue and to just cut the multi-family fee in ½ and leave all other fees the same

Commissioner Griswold

- Would still like to study the item further

Mayor Wilson

- In favor of looking at multi-family now and the other area later. (commercial and industrial)

Commissioner Preisinger

- In favor of looking at multi-family fees does not want to review everything again as there seems to be a windfall with a miscalculation of the number of multi-family units
- Fees have already been looked at and agreed to

There was a final consensus to look at Multi-family fees for stormwater in an upcoming Study Session and there was a final consensus to look at the entire Stormwater fee structure at a later date.

City Manager Kramer:

On Thursday, April 25 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, there will be a public meeting about the Thornton Project at the Service Center. Surrounding property owners have been invited to attend and anyone else from the public is welcome.

Adjourn:

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

Time Meeting Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by City Clerk Carla K. Williamson, CMC