

Council meeting of 8.19.13 called to order at 7PM by Mayor Towne.

Council Present: Reed, Curtis, Lister, Hudson and Attorney DeVoe. Ryan absent.

Minutes from August 5, 2013 and August 12 Special Meeting was read. Motion by Reed, Second by Lister to approve as read

Employees and visitors: Randy Piper, Larry and Kandy Hinck, Marvin Stevens, Mike Reynolds, Kevin Richardson, Shane Quigley and Shellanne Thompson.

Motion by Reed, second by Hudson to go into executive session at 7:05 for 10 minutes with the City Attorney only for non elected personnel. Chief Kane and Officer Quigley were called into session at 7:09 pm with a 5min extension.

Meeting called back to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Towne.

Reed state we were in executive session for 15 minutes with no decision made.

Motion by Reed second by Hudson to have a Special Meeting on August 26, 2013 after the schedule Nuisance hearings for personnel. Motion carried.

Police: Kane gave a report

- Crown Vic need to go in for repairs
- 27 warning given, 9 speeding citation, 8 insurance violation, 7 stop sign violation, 14 theft, 1 ID theft and 2 dog at large citation written.
- Would like a 15 minute executive session on personnel.
- Making Wells from 3rd to 4th a one way street.
 - Kane stated he discussed with the school and they were publishing the change, it would be published this month.
 - No citations would be written for 90 days.
 - It would be one way going West to East.
 - Signs were already ordered
 - According to Article 20 of State Statutes he has the authority to do this.
- City attorney stated City council needs to decide rather or not to grant Chief blanket authority to make this type of change or have it brought to council.
 - Statute 8-2002 states “that local authority can make this type of change” in my opinion yes the police department has that authority but this also indicate that the local authority being the City Council make that decision.
 - One option is to grant Chief approval to act in your stay or if you’re looking at 8-2002 or Article 20 of the STO’s rather or not you want to reserve that right and have the Chief of police come into the Council for approval before acting on such change.
 - I have heard some back lash over this, not much but anytime you make change there is going to be back lash. So you may consider rather or not there needs to be public notice before doing so. I would prefer that before you put in a change like this that you place large sign that say “Warning as of this date such changes will take effect”.
 - If you want to allow the Chief of Police to do that it needs to be decided in open meeting that he has blanket authority to do that or that he needs to get approval every

time before making this type of change. But it looks like a lot of this has already been done.

- Chief stated yes most of it is already done the signs have been ordered right Kevin. Kevin stated signs are already in
 - Curtis asked what street we are changing.
 - Wells would be one way going West to East stated Kane.
 - Curtis stated that now that everything has been put into motion and the signs ordered you want us to decide. It sounds like the decision has already been made and your asking us to make a decision on something that's already been made.
 - Reynolds stated nobody knew this was happening
 - DeVoe stated she was trying to get them to do anything. I am trying to get someone to make it clear on who has the authority to make this decision. Instead of it being put in place and then the question come up as to who granted the authority to do this.
- Motion by Curtis, second by Lister to table the One Way Street, so the Council may review the options. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Richardson gave a report

- Discussion on 228 Center.
- Would like to send Steve Vandeford to confine space training on Sept 12, 2013. Cost is \$90.00 and it is located in Gardner. Motion by Reed, second by Curtis to approve the confine space training. Motion Carried.
- Richardson was now a certified wastewater operator.

Reed brought up the topic of people throwing grass trimming and trash from the ditches into street: Discussion. No Action taken

Jayhawk training for new City Clerk. Motion by Lister, 2nd by Hudson to approve the remote training at \$500. To be arranged after new clerk starts. Motion carried

Idea Tek System asking permission to lay fiber optic along Topeka Blvd inside city limits in order to bring 4g to the area. Discussion. Motion by Reed, second by Lister to allow the Mayor to grant approval once the City Attorney checks out Franchise contracts. Motion carried

Motion by Reed, second by Lister to approve all water extensions. Motion carried

Discussion on new STO's and UPOC ordinance. Motion by Reed, second by Lister to approve Ord. 471-2013 Standard Traffic Ordinance of 2013 and Ord. 472-2013 Uniform Public Offense Code of 2013. Motion carried.

Curtis asked Kim Reynolds if she had talked to Pat Cox. She stated that he called wanting his phone number and that he didn't have an exact date and cost pinned down yet, was hoping to get that this week.

Curtis stated that he talked Pat Cox and he would be here tomorrow with a contractor. Would like to request that the Mayor be authorized to approve the contract for the sidewalk instead of having to wait another 2 weeks for approval. Curtis stated the \$10,000 figure was given even before the ADA drawing

was done. So even if that figure is doubled I don't have a problem with that. DeVoe stated what if it is \$50,000. So the seeding and rails would all be extra. You can then make a motion for the Mayor to approve the concrete bid provided that it is in the parameter that was already approved. Lister stated approximately \$10,000. Motion by Lister, second by Reed to have Mayor approve contract for side walk if within the \$10,000 range for concrete. Motion Carried.

Discussion on volunteer crossing guards and city providing orange vest for volunteers. Curtis stated he had talked to Randy Boudeman about volunteer crossing guards

Motion by Reed, second by Hudson to take a ten minute break at 8:10 pm. Motion carried

Meeting called back to order at 8:20 pm

Motion by Lister, second by Reed to go into executive session at 8:22 for 30 minutes to discuss hiring a new City Clerk and non elected personnel. Motion carried

8:40 Reynolds left executive session and Kane entered. At 8:52 a 3 min extension was requested.

Meeting called back to order at 8:55 p.m.

Reed stated we were in executive session for 30 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by Reed, second by Lister to hire Paula Tryon as the new City Clerk at \$15.00 per hour for first six month probation period then raise to \$15.86 per hour upon her acceptance of the position. Motion carried. Mayor is to contact Ms. Tryon tomorrow.

Motion by Lister, second by Hudson to allow the Chief to place a part-time officer already employed by the city to advance to a full time position if one has been approved and is available without going through the council. This individual must already be full time certified officer and the hourly wage would be \$13.70 per hour. (Chief stated that \$13.70 is the rate we start new certified officers at)

Curtis asked Chief Kane about two invoices from OMB for flashlights at \$150.00 a piece. Kane stated this was to be a quote and not an actual invoice. They do not have the flash lights. He would take care of this.

Summary of Motions:

- Minutes from August 5, 2013 and August 12 Special Meeting approved as read
- Tabled decision on Making Wells a one way street until council can consider option
- Approved Vandeford to go to Confine Space Training on Sept 12, at cost of \$90.00
- Allow the Mayor to grant approval once the City Attorney checks out Franchise contracts.
- Approve the remote training at \$500. To be arranged after new clerk starts.
- approve all water extensions
- Approved Ord. 471 and 472 STO's and UPOC
- Mayor approve contract for side walk if within the \$10,000 range for concrete
- executive session for 30 minutes to discuss hiring a new City Clerk and non elected personnel.
- to hire Paula Tryon as the new City Clerk at \$15.00 per hour for first six month probation period then raise to \$15.86 per hour upon her acceptance of the position

- to allow the Chief to place a part-time already employed by the city to advance to a full time position if one has been approved and is available without going through the council. This individual must already be full time certified officer and the hourly wage would be \$13.70 per hour. (Chief stated that \$13.70 is the rate we start new certified officers at)

Discussions:

- 228 Center no action take
- Grass trimmings in street no action take
- Volunteer crossing guards
- City providing orange vest
- Invoices on OMB

Kim Reynolds
City Treasurer