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**CITY OF COLWICH, KANSAS
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
310 S. 2ND STREET
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Terrence D. Spexarth on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. called the regular monthly meeting of the Colwich City Council to order.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Mayor Terrence D. Spexarth, Councilmembers Robert Winter, Pamela Winegarner, Stephanie Guy, Angela Banz, and Doyle Dodd.

Staff members present were William Gondoly, Public Works Director; Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney; Brad Banz, Fire Chief; Mark Hinkle, Chief of Police, and Diana Brooks, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Spexarth led the audience, staff and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no notices or communications.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

4. PURCHASE REQUESTS AND ITEMS NEEDING COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Review of the request for signs in Union Park Addition – Union Park Homeowners Association

Chief Mark Hinkle, Chief of Police, stated that the Union Park Homeowners Association requested to install signs alerting drivers of children at play however, a representative from the association was not present. The consensus of Council was that a representative from the homeowners association needed to make the request.

B. Review of the BT product for spraying mosquitos

Councilwoman Banz presented the information she received from Winfield Solutions regarding the natural alternatives for spraying for mosquitos. There was discussion regarding the cost of the product verses the cost of the spray currently used, the square footage of area covered when spraying, the amount of spray used, and that spraying was suspended for the year.

Councilwoman Banz stated she would do further research on the products available.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Council meeting
- B. Approval of the Appropriations Ordinance No. 15-09-02 and 15-10-01
- C. Approval of the September financial reports

Councilwoman Banz moved that the Council approve the consent agenda A-C as presented. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Heritage Festival

Mayor Spexarth presented a spreadsheet detailing the current costs for the heritage festival. Ms. Mary Ann Morrison reported on the costs associated with the car show, that the veteran's tribute was not well attended, the desire to move the festival to Memorial Park, and requested an amount to donate to Wounded Warriors Project.

Councilwoman Banz moved that the Council approve a \$175 donation to the Wound Warrior Project. Councilmember Dodd second the motion. Motion approved 4-1 with Councilwoman Guy voting nay.

There was discussion regarding holding the festival every other year, a decrease in attendees in the late afternoon, and possibly moving the festival to Memorial Park. Mayor Spexarth suggested putting on the website and utility bills for the public to express their opinion on whether to hold the festival every other year.

B. Park Committee

Councilwoman Guy stated she had nothing to report.

C. Marketing Committee

Councilwoman Winegarner stated there was nothing to report.

D. Annexation and FEMA Committee

Councilman Winter stated there was nothing to report.

E. Library Board – Mayor Spexarth stated the report was in the packet and complimented the landscaping being done at the Library.

7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

A. City Engineer – There was no report.

B. Fire – Chief Brad Banz, Fire Chief presented the monthly report and presented pictures of the brush truck.

C. Public Works – William Gondoly, Public Works Director presented the monthly report. There was discussion regarding the water leaks occurring in the fused joints. Mr. Gondoly stated that Derek Brenner would be reading meters only as he returned to work for Monsanto.

D. Police Department – Chief Hinkle presented the monthly report. Chief Hinkle requested Council approval to send out requests for proposals for a new vehicle.

Councilmember Dodd moved that the Council approve the Chief of Police to get started. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

E. City Attorney – Mr. Stanley Juhnke, City Attorney, reported on the City Attorneys meeting at the League's annual conference. Discussion topics included the election changes and that the League felt that the tax lid would either be changed or repealed during the next legislative session.

F. City Clerk - Ms. Brooks presented the monthly report and informed the Council of three citizens signing up for email billing.

8. GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mayor Spexarth presented a letter from KDHE commending the Public Works Department on their excellent work in maintaining the lagoons. He also reviewed an interlocal agreement with Union Township for fire protection. Chief Banz stated he would be meeting with the township next week.

Councilmember Dodd questioned if anyone had solicited help for the elderly with finding a provider for their prescriptions. Ms. Brooks stated she had contacted the Sedgwick County Department of Aging who did not return her call.

Councilwoman Banz thanked the department heads for their good work.

Councilwoman Winegarner questioned if the City Clerk had found information about the property ownership of the land between 147 and 203 S 7th. Ms. Brooks stated she needed to do more research on the property.

Councilwoman Guy reported that the Colwich Lions Club would be hosting a food handler's class November 18th at the REC at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Spexarth thanked Councilwoman Banz, Councilman Winter and Diana Brooks, City Clerk for attending the League meeting. He informed the Council that Jim Costello was moving out of town and resigned from Planning Commission.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Spexarth requested an executive session for the discussion of non-elected personnel for a period of 12 minutes.

Councilwoman Banz moved that the Council recess to executive session for the discussion of non-elected personnel for a period of 12 minutes beginning at 8:08 p.m. for everyone at the table being Mayor and Council with Chief Brad Banz and Chief Mark Hinkle respectively. Councilmember Dodd second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilwoman Banz moved that the Council move out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. Councilwoman Guy second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilwoman Winegarner moved that the Council move in to regular session at 8:20 p.m. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Councilwoman Guy moved that the Council approve giving Mike Rau a raise of \$.50 effective at his anniversary date and to also approve a \$.50 praise upon completion of the firefighter 1 course and to give Officer Piatt a \$1.00 annual raise effective at his anniversary date. Councilwoman Winegarner second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilwoman Banz moved for adjournment at 8:21 p.m. Councilmember Dodd second the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted
Diana K. Brooks, City Clerk