

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-January 9, 2023

Members of the Governing Body of the City of Marysville were called to order in the regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the date and place noted above with Mayor Barnes in the chair. City Administer St. John and City Clerk Holle were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following council members: Frye, Keating, Snellings, Beikman, Goracke, Behrens, and Throm. A quorum was present. Council member Price was absent.

The minutes from the December 27th regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **CEMETERY KIOSK.** Diane Schroller, Ward 4 asked the Council when a kiosk at the Cemetery would be completed. She was told the kiosk is in the 2023 budget and the Cemetery and Parks Supervisor is working on a plan. A Cemetery Committee meeting will be arranged.
2. **COUNTRY CLUB LAKE.** Steve Prell, 1042 Pony Express Highway presented to Council information about the Country Club Lake concerning his property.
3. **COUNTRY CLUB LAKE.** Vallery Prell, 1042 Pony Express Highway presented to Council information about the Country Club Lake concerning her property.
4. **COUNTRY CLUB LAKE.** Kris Schrater, 1040 Pony Express Highway presented to Council information about Country Club Lake concerning his property.
5. **KOESTER MUSEUM HEATING SYSTEM.** CA St. John reported the City crews have found or rebuilt 3 radiators for the Koester House Museum. We are still looking for 1 radiator. The 3 radiators have been taken to Landoll Company to be sandblasted and then will be taken to Schroller Collision to be painted. When the radiators are finished the heating system can be turned on with some modifications for the missing radiator.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **MARSHALL COUNTY SPORTS & RECREATION.** Jacey Rombeck representing Marshall County Sports and Recreation presented an annual report from 2022 showing participation numbers in the various activities available. She also reported they had applied ag lime to the fields and had cut the lip off the pitching mound on Feldhausen Field and added new sod.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

CONSENT AGENDA. The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Throm moved; CM Keating seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Convention & Tourism request totaling \$9,100.00 as follows: Travel Industry of Kansas, annual 2023 dues and publications \$750.00; Social Media Marketing Posts, annual \$500.00; Office Supplies & Google Drive, annual \$1,000.00; Tourism Marketing Material, annual \$1,750.00; Travel Kansas! Magazine Ad, full-page \$2,100.00 less business participation of \$1,525.00 net \$525.00; Fairytales on Ice-MCAC grant for advertising, \$3,000.00.

2. Cash balances in funds as of December 31, 2022, were presented as well as outstanding debt and receivable balances. Revenue/Expenditure Budget Reports through December 2022 showed unadjusted accumulated revenues in the General Fund of \$2,940,206 or 113% of budget; Water Revenue Fund, \$904,132 or 101% of budget, Sewer Revenue Fund, \$1,162,774 or 152% of budget. Unadjusted statement of expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$3,052,871 or 105% of budget, Water Revenue Fund, \$993,178 or 73% of budget, and Sewer Revenue Fund, \$973,282 or 91% of budget.
3. The Municipal Judge's Report for December showed \$1,979.67 being deposited with the City Treasurer and \$211.50 being forwarded to the State Treasurer for Judicial Branch Education, court costs and law enforcement training.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3789

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$46,779.32; Water Revenue Fund, \$3,277.84; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$1,423.22; Swim Pool Sales Tax, \$918.28; Koester Block Maintenance, \$230.98; Transient Guest Tax, \$512.00; Sales Tax Improvements, \$11,500.00; making a total of \$64,641.64.
2. An appropriations ordinance was introduced and considered to honor claims against the funds of the City as audited by the Finance Committee. CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$64,641.64.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 7-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3789.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **FINANCIALS.** CA St. John updated the Governing Body on the status of General Fund, Water Revenue Fund, Sewer Revenue Fund and Sales Tax Improvement Fund. A Capital Projects report was also included. There are some funds which are overspent due to the damage from the June storm and the insurance payments. The annual audit should begin later in January, and they address these issues.
2. **BUDGET WORKSHOP.** CA St. John said he would like to schedule a budget workshop on February 23 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023 projects.
3. **PUBLIC CHILDCARE MEETING.** CA St. John reminded the Council and the Public there will be an informational meeting at Landoll Lanes January 11 at 6:00 p.m. concerning a new childcare facility in Marysville.
4. **PONY EXPRESS SQUIRREL STATUE.** CA St. John said the Pony Express Museum would like to place their new Black Squirrel statue in the entrance way to the museum. There were no objections.

STAFF REPORTS:

STREET:

1. **STREET SWEEPER PURCHASE.** Street Supervisor Gundelfinger included in the agenda street sweeper information for the sweepers that were demonstrated to the Street Department. The current sweeper is five years old. The quotes are as follows: Global \$283,920 less sale of sweeper \$60,000; Ravo \$275,000 and would trade-in old sweeper \$30,000; Elgin \$238,900. CM Keating moved to purchase the Global sweeper from Berry Tractor Co. for \$283,920 with the outright local sale of the current sweeper for \$60,000, CM Throm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. **2 MOWER PURCHASES.** Cemetery & Parks Supervisor Cercone included in the agenda quotes to purchase 2 mowers with 48" decks to mow in the Cemetery between the stones. Prices were obtained from Exmark, \$7,439; Hustlers, \$6,832, \$6,739, \$6,906, \$7,738, \$7,999; Grasshopper, \$8,000, \$7,365; John Deere, \$8,270; Bobcat, \$8,094. CM Throm moved, CM Keating seconded to purchase 2 Hustler Fastrack side discharge mowers from Blue Valley Trailer, Waterville for \$6,739 each totaling \$13,478. Motion carried unanimously. The 1996 Dixon and the 2005 Ferris will be surplus on Purple Wave.

POLICE & FIRE:

1. **2 SUV PURCHASES.** Police Chief Simpson presented bids for 2 SUVs for the Police Department. Only the Dodge Durango is available at this time. Davis Moore in Wichita quoted \$42,272.41 and Nemaha Valley Motors, Seneca quoted \$39,500.00. Upfitting from KaComm of Manhattan will cost an additional \$9,651.25 per vehicle. CM Throm moved to purchase 2 Dodge Durangos from Nemaha Valley Motors for \$39,500 each with upfitting from KaComm for \$9,621.25 each totaling \$98,382.50. CM Frye seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREET:

1. **POTHOLE ON N 16TH ST.** CM Beikman said he had several complaints about the potholes on N 16th Street near Debbie Lane. City staff said they had also received the complaints and they would repair it before the mill and overlay is completed by Hall Brothers.
2. **KEYSTONE ROAD.** Mayor Barnes asked if the City should remove the asphalt on Keystone Road and take it back to gravel until improvements can be made. CM Keating asked to wait to make a decision until the engineering proposals have been reviewed.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

1. **DRAINAGE ON 7TH ST & JACKSON.** CM Throm asked if the City has a plan to improve the drainage near the Bus Barn on 7th Street and Jackson.
2. **STORM SEWER BY NORDHUS MOTORS.** Council discussed creating a plan in 2023 to repair the storm water run off on Highway 36 near Nordhus Motors.
3. **WATER BILL REDUCTION.** CM Snellings said the Gose boys had their water softener malfunction causing a large water bill. She asked if there was any forgiveness for these types of events. Staff told her historically only the sewer portion would be reduced if the water did not go

down the sewer. In this case the water did go down the sewer, but they were informed they could bring the matter to the Water Committee if they chose to. They were also informed the City would make a payment plan for these large bills.

4. **STORM SEWER TAX.** CM Throm suggested the City look at a monthly fee to fund storm water repairs in the City. Several other cities, both large and small have started this method to fund storm sewer repairs.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:

1. **SURVEY ON HEALTH DEPT PROPERTY.** CM Keating said the Marshall County Commissioners talked about the land survey the City is requesting before the Health Department can be built at 6th and Broadway.
2. **GOVERNMENT DAY AT THE CAPITOL.** Mayor Barnes said he would like to go to Government Day at the Capitol on January 25th and asked if any other Council members would like to sign up.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. **DOG PARK CREEK BED.** CM Frye stated the creek bed at the Dog Park has lots of trees and overgrowth. He asked if the City would contract that or if the City Crews would clean it. CA St. John said that it would be contracted.
2. **4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS.** CM Keating said the VFW would like to finance a large portion of the 4th of July Fireworks celebration. He has been in contact with a company in Inman and tentatively scheduled a fireworks display for July 8. The school district agreed to allow the use of the football stadium, but neighbors would need to be contacted. The last several years the display has been at Lakeview Complex. CM Keating and a company representative will tour sights in the near future. Another local organization is interested in bringing a band here also on that day.

There being no further business, at 8:32 p.m. CM Frye moved to adjourn, CM Behrens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Holle
City Clerk