

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-January 26, 2021

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following council members: Pippia, Frye, Schroller, Hughes (participating remotely), Price, Beikman, Behrens and Throm. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the January 11th regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Frye moved, CM Throm seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 8-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **COMMUNITY SIGNAGE PLAN.** Maureen Crist and Michelle Whitesell from the Convention & Tourism Committee presented the first phase of a community signage plan designed and created by Apple One Media, Belleville, Kansas. The informational signs will be uniform colors and designs directing visitors to various locals throughout the City. These signs will be manufactured, delivered, and installed by Apple One Media. After Council discussion, CM Throm moved to approve the estimate for 17 signs for \$31,360.00 to be paid from the General Fund Sign Department, CM Pippia seconded. Motion carried 7-1, CM Schroller voted no. The 3 museums will each purchase a sign for their locations for \$1,872.00 a piece, the civic organizations will purchase a sign that will be placed on Highway 36 East of Marysville for \$5,836.00 and Marysville Community Foundation will purchase a welcome sign that will be placed at Highway 77 and Jackson Street for \$11,293.00. The total of these signs is an additional \$22,745.00 and will be reimbursed to the City.
2. **BUILDING PURCHASE AT 616 AND 618 BROADWAY.** The Council discussed a contract written by City Attorney McNish to purchase 2 properties owned by Marysvilla located at 616 and 618 Broadway. The buildings are not usable. CA St. John said he had received an estimate for demolition for approximately \$30,000.00. CM Beikman moved to purchase 616 and 618 Broadway for a total of \$10,000. CM Price seconded. Motion carried 6-2. CM Schroller and CM Hughes voted no.
3. **PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH UPDATE.** Ellen Barber, Director for Partnership for Growth gave the Council an update of the projects they have been working on. Partnership for Growth administered some grants for COVID Relief for Marshall County, they are working with Landoll Corporation to find additional labor for their business and Ellen is beginning a Business Park Economic Study.
4. **DISCOVER CENTER REMOTE PLAY GRANT.** Previously Ellen supplied the City with an opportunity to partner with the Topeka Children Discover Center to bring an educational pathway to Marysville. CA St. John and Ellen attended a zoom meeting with the Discover Center. This will be a grant worth up to \$25,000.00 and the City needs to form a group to recommend sites for

the play area. CM Behrens, CM Throm and CM Pippia volunteered to be on the committee. CA St. John will add some community members to the committee, at least one will come from the education sector.

5. **2021 EVENTS IN MARYSVILLE.** Mayor Barnes asked the Council to give guidance to the groups who organize community wide events in the City. These groups need to make plans for 2021. Consensus of Council was to allow the events in 2021 unless the health of the community gets worse.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

1. **CONDEMNATION HEARING 205 N 10TH (MURPHY APARTMENTS).** City Attorney McNish conducted a condemnation hearing on the property owned by Julie Murphy located at 205 N 10th St beginning at 7:52 p.m. The findings of David Vermetten a structural engineer who works for VMT Engineering were presented. He concluded the southwest corner of the roof is not structurally sound and needs to be repaired or replaced. He also recommends a guttering and downspout system to eliminate water infiltration. There is damage to the foundation and brick which needs to be repaired. CI Ralph reported there are multiple windows broken or panes missing. There is not proper ventilation. CI Ralph said this property violates multiple fire and health codes. Julie Murphy said the north and west apartments are not habitable. Julie also said none of the furnaces are working and the apartments are heated with electric heaters. Julie said she is cleaning out the apartment complex and is looking to move. There was a hole in the roof on the west slope, but it has been patched. Julie would like time for her tenants to find places to live (one tenant is moving in February). She has listed the property with a real estate agent. The property taxes are delinquent since 2017. After reviewing the evidence from all parties pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq. CM Beikman moved to proceed with the condemnation of the property at 205 N 10th Street owned by Julie Murphy. The removal or rehabilitation to be completed by May 10, 2021. The governing body may grant the property owner additional time if good cause is shown. CM Throm seconded. Motion passed 8-0 roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3740

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$82,413.79; Water Revenue Fund, \$42,367.30; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$27,377.32; Airport Revolving Fund, \$2,500.00; Bond & Interest #1, \$31,471.73; Industrial, \$2,500.00; Library Revolving, \$9,933.83; Koester Block Maintenance, \$1,083.65; Employee Benefit Fund, \$30,820.31; Transient Guest Tax, \$4,574.91; Capital Improvements, \$1,368.00; Sales Tax Improvements, \$32,623.32; making a total of \$269,034.16.
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 Frye seconded to approve

the appropriations ordinance totaling \$269,034.16. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 8-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3740.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **HAYDITE FOR CHIP AND SEAL.** CA St. John said the Street Department is planning to complete two chip and seal routes in 2021. The haydite rock used for chip and seal is costing \$58.26 per cubic yard and the City will need to purchase 300 cubic yards. CM Throm moved to purchase 300 cubic yards of haydite for \$17,478 from Buildex to be paid from the Street and Highway Fund. CM Pippia seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **PARKS/CEMETERY MOWERS.** The Parks and Recreation Committee met at the Cemetery Shop to assess the current lawn mowers. The Parks and Recreation Committee reported the mowers were used several thousand hours per year and some mowers are extremely worn. The Committee recommends purchasing two mowers. CM Throm moved to purchase a 60-inch Hustler mower for \$9,949.00 and a 72-inch Hustler mower for \$10,299.00 from Blue Valley Trailer and to surplus the mowers we are replacing. CM Price seconded. Motion carried 6-2. CM Beikman and CM Hughes voted no. \$16,000.00 will be paid from the Parks Department and the remaining funds will be paid from MER.
3. **POLICE VEHICLE.** At the regular council meeting on January 11, 2021 the governing body voted to purchase a Chevy 1500 police truck from Nordhus Motors. GM stopped taking fleet orders for 2021 Monday morning January 11. CA St. John presented the 2 remaining quotes for a police vehicle. CM Schroller moved to purchase a 2021 Ford F-150 from Honeyman Ford in Seneca for \$39,339, CM Frye seconded. Motion carried 7-1. CM Throm voted no. This vehicle will be paid from the General Fund, Police Department.
4. **BUILDING INSPECTOR VEHICLE.** CA St. John reported the moratorium from GM also applied to the Chevy 1500 the governing body voted to purchase to replace the vehicle the Building Inspector uses. CM Price moved to purchase a Ford F-250 regular cab with an 8-foot bed, CM Behrens seconded. Motion carried 6-2. CM Schroller and CM Hughes voted no. This vehicle will be paid from MER.
5. **COOPER MALONE McCLAIN, INC. CONTRACT TERMINATION.** The contract with Cooper Malone McClain, Inc. has a 30-day termination clause. At the present time the City does not need a financial advisor to advise the City for financing the new fire station. The City will save a \$10,000.00 financial advisor fee by terminating the contract. CM Frye moved to terminate the contract with Cooper Malone McClain, Inc., CM Schroller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **CONCRETE FIRE STATION PARKING LOT.** An alternate of the new fire station is to concrete the parking lot. This issue was tabled at a previous meeting. The quote from Inline Construction to put 6-inches of concrete in the parking lot instead of rock is \$73,000.00. CM Frye moved to put 6-inches of concrete in the fire station parking lot for \$73,000.00, CM Price seconded. Motion carried 6-2. CM Schroller and CM Hughes voted no.
7. **CIPP BIDS FOR 2021.** CA St. John reported the City had received 2 bids for the Cured In Place Pipe project for 2021. The cities of Linn, Waterville, Beattie, Frankfort, and Greenleaf also participated in the bid process. CM Throm moved to accept the low bid of \$189,357.50 from Insituform for 8,450 linear feet of sewer cleaning, videoing, and lining, CM Behrens seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This will be paid from Sewer Revenue, Collections.
8. **REHABILITATION OF WINDOWS AT THE LEE DAM ART CENTER.** The City received a quote to rehabilitate the wooden windows at the Lee Dam Art Center. Rohr the Handyman has rehabilitated several historic projects the City has done in the Koester Block. This project will repair or replace wood as needed on the windows and the trim and make the windows functional. CM Throm moved to accept the bid of \$14,000.00 from Rohr the Handyman to rehab the windows at the Lee Dam Art Center, CM Pippia seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
9. **LIFT STATION MOTOR REPAIR-AGLAND.** CA St. John presented a quote of \$64,776.40 from Agland Electric Motor Service to replace the large pump at the main lift station on Walnut Street. Agland also quoted \$24,570.80 to repair the broken pump. CM Throm moved to purchase the new pump for \$64,776.40 from Agland, CM Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **BG CONSULTANTS-LAGOON PROJECT.** CA St. John received an update from Thaniel Monaco the engineer from BG Consultants working on the Lagoon project. He reported the existing lagoon site would be conducive to add a new cell. The proposed site for the wetland is not favorable due to the shallow depth of groundwater in that area. BG Consultants are working with KDHE to approve the current proposed site or create a wetland site.
11. **FEBRUARY WORKSHOP.** CA St. John asked for Council input on a date for the next workshop. The workshop will be held Thursday, February 18, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREET:

1. **SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS.** CM Schroller asked who citizens should contact if sidewalks are not cleared. They were told to contact City Hall with names or addresses. CM Throm reported there were several downtown businesses that had not cleared their sidewalks. There were also many sidewalks that were not cleared around the schools.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

1. **WATER METER PITS.** CM Price asked how the City could get the meter pits installed because the list goes back to 2008. He suggested the City hire a crew to catch up. CM Price also questioned why some meter pits were paid for and some were to be billed when installed. Many of the paid for meter pits were negotiated in the sale of the home. If the sales were private the City Office staff did not always know about the sale. The meter pit list will be discussed with the Water Supervisor at the workshop in February.

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. **POOL STAFF.** CA St. John said he would most likely hire co-managers for this pool season and has spoken with candidates. CC Holle said a letter had been sent to all pool employees from last season to invite them to apply for the 2021 season. There have been ads posted on Facebook, the City website and in the Advocate.

CEMETERY & AIRPORT:

POLICE & FIRE:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

APPOINTMENTS: *Fire Dept.*-David Richardson, Chief; Don Ballman, Deputy Chief; Joe Pilsl, Assistant Chief; January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021. *Municipal Judge*-Bobbie Price-January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021; *City Prosecutor*-Meghan Voracek-January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021; *City Attorney*-John McNish-January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021. CM Throm moved, CM Frye seconded to approve the Mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. **11TH ROAD ENGINEERING COSTS.** The engineering costs for 11th Road south were presented in the highlights. The costs were from 2011 through 2018 and totaled \$50,738.80.
2. **ZOOM POLICY.** Mayor Barnes asked the Council to consider a policy on Council Member participation by zoom. Mayor Barnes allowed CM Hughes to attend tonight's meeting due to a lack of a policy. Executive session by zoom was also discussed.

There being no further business, at 9:40 p.m. CM Frye moved to adjourn, CM Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Holle
City Clerk