

Regular Meeting  
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-September 25, 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 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: Frye, Keating, Snellings, Beikman, Goracke, Price, and Throm. A quorum was present. CM Behrens was absent.

The minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Frye seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

The minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> special meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Price seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

The minutes from the September 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Beikman seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. **LYNN STOHS.** Lynn Stohs, Ward 4 addressed the Council asking them to reconsider the cemetery policy which states all devices and flowers must be removed by June 10. The Cemetery and Airport Committee will schedule a meeting.

**BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR.** Mayor Barnes asked if the Council would consider hiring an interim city administrator. The interim city administrator would be a contract employee. The City had received a resume shortly after CA St. John resigned. An interim administrator would assume all duties and authority of the city administrator. Consensus was to place an ad with the League of Kansas Municipalities for an interim. The Council would like applications by October 18. All policies and procedures will remain the same as has been established in policy. Questions and concerns will be taken at City Hall, so no concern is missed. Per City Code the City Clerk will assume the duties of the City Administrator until a replacement is found.
2. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 708 CALHOUN STREET.** BI Ralph included in the agenda an economic development application to remove the condemned structure at 708 Calhoun Street. CM Frye moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the economic development application for Richard Bryan for up to \$2,500 to remove the structure at 708 Calhoun Street. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **MARYSVILLE CHAMBER/MAIN STREET AGREEMENT.** CC Holle presented the 2024 Chamber/Main Street agreement which the Admin & Finance Committee negotiated. The City will pay the CMS \$3,125.00 quarterly to promote Marysville and the businesses. CMS will keep all proceeds from the events they sponsor. CM Beikman moved to approve the 2024 Chamber/Main Street Agreement; CM Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NOTICES AND HEARINGS:**

1. **CONDEMNATION HEARING 708 CALHOUN.** The condemnation hearing for Richard Bryan at 708 Calhoun Street was tabled at the September 11, 2023, meeting. The Council approved the

economic development application from Richard Bryan to remove the structure. The condemnation hearing was abandoned.

2. **RESOLUTION 2023-55 NUISANCE AT 203 ALSTON STREET.** Code Enforcement Officer Stock presented pictures and the Notice of Violation for 203 Alston Street owned by Everett Jr and Sharon Throm. Everett did not request a hearing, nor did he appear on September 11, 2023. CM Beikman moved, CM Keating seconded to approve Resolution 2023-55 setting a deadline of October 6, 2023, for the owner to abate the nuisance. Following October 6, 2023, the City will abate the nuisance and assess the costs to Everett Jr and Sharon Throm. Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA.** The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 7-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Alcohol consumption request at the Lee Dam Art Center-MCAC artist's reception November 19, 2023.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3806**

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$107,210.89; Water Revenue Fund, \$50,858.71; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$38,077.53; Street & Highway Fund, \$18,697.08; Sewer Replacement Fund, \$10,584.80; Library Revolving Fund, \$11,588.64; Swim Pool Sales Tax, \$153.68; Koester Block Maintenance, \$930.87; Employee Benefit, \$40,578.83; Transient Guest Tax, \$5,685.56; Sales Tax Improvements, \$37,362.68 making a total of \$321,729.27.
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 Price seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$321,729.27.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 7-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3806.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### **POLICE:**

1. **KGGP LSSE GRANT.** Police Chief Simpson asked the City to accept the Local Safety and Security Equipment Grant through the Kansas Governor's Grant Program Office. On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the MPD was notified their grant application was accepted. The City will receive \$62,640 and the City will provide a match of \$6,960 and will use these funds to purchase 8 Harris XL-200 radios from KA-COMM of Manhattan. These radios will be placed in the City's mobile units. CM Beikman moved; CM Frye seconded to accept the grant and provide the match to purchase the radios. Motion carried unanimously. CA St. John said the city funds will come from the General Fund. PC Simpson said 1 of the old radios will be used in the UTV, 4 of the radios will be put in 4 fire trucks and the Police Department will keep the rest as backups.

2. **CONGRESSIONARY DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT.** PC Simpson reported that the MPD has received preliminary notice through Senator Moran's office, the Senate Appropriations Committee has awarded MPD a grant of \$173,000. The US Senate will need to approve the grant award. If the MPD receives final notice of the award it will be used to purchase at TruNarc Analyzer for \$40,000; reimburse \$44,735 for the UTV ordered earlier and replace the cameras in the mobile units.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. **COMMENDATION PC SIMPSON.** CA St. John presented a pin of commendation to PC Simpson from the Police Department staff. Police policy says the Police Department staff can honor a member of their staff who has gone above their regular duties. PC Simpson has moved Marysville forward and was instrumental in the department earning the CALEA accreditation.
2. **GOODBYE.** CA St. John said he and his family have enjoyed their time in Marysville and they will miss the community. They are looking forward to their new home and community in Mulvane.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**STREET:**

1. **MILLINGS ON JAYHAWK ROAD.** CM Goracke said the people on Jayhawk Road liked the millings put on Jayhawk Road. The Mayor reported that the small section of road that was done cost over \$6,000. CM Price said the road would not hold up and the City would have the same problems they are having on Keystone and 12<sup>th</sup> Road. CM Frye said the test is ongoing. CM Keating suggested the City get the millings at the dump ground this winter. CM Throm reported people were complaining about excessive speed on the Jayhawk Road now.
2. **STEPS AT THE BOTTOM OF 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET WPA PROJECT.** CM Frye said the steps that had been repaired by the Cemetery Parks Department several years ago are still in good shape, but the landing needs some work.
3. **CATCH BASIN.** CM Throm asked when the staff would finish the catch basin on 6<sup>th</sup> and Koester Street. Staff was working on it last week.
4. **12<sup>TH</sup> ROAD & KEYSTONE RD.** CM Keating asked about the engineering on 12<sup>th</sup> Road and Keystone Road. BG Consultants has not completed the preliminary engineering. BG Consultants have not sent the City the contract for the engineering, so it has not been signed.
5. **11<sup>TH</sup> ROAD.** CM Throm asked about the engineering plans for 11<sup>th</sup> Road. The City does not have plans yet. CES sent the plans for approval to KDHE.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

1. CM Beikman asked about the grass seeded at Dargatz Park. He and several council members have received complaints about the seeding the dirt diamond to grass. It was discussed earlier this year at a budget meeting that the dirt was difficult to maintain and was frequently sprayed

with the chemical round-up. This diamond was used only for practice and fun. This is the ideal time to plant grass.

**CEMETERY/AIRPORT:**

1. **CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING.** The Cemetery and Airport Committee will meet to discuss the flowers and devices left on the Cemetery indefinitely which makes it difficult to mow and weed eat.
2. **AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT.** CA St. John the Airport is open now for 30 days for the top coating to cure. The new reflective paint will be the last step in the project.

**POLICE AND FIRE:**

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:**

1. **FEES THE CITY CHARGES FOR MOWING.** CM Frye asked if there was any recourse for the fees the City charges for mowing yards that are out of compliance. People were encouraged to contact the City when they receive the notice before the mowing is completed.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:02 p.m. CM Goracke moved to recess in executive session to discuss possible acquisition of real estate pursuant to the acquisition of real estate exception KSA 75-4319 (b) (6). This session will include the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and the City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 8:07 p.m. CM Price seconded. Motion carried 7-0. At 8:07 p.m. the council reconvened. Mayor Barnes reported no binding action was taken during the executive session and the regular session was continuing.

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

1. **DETAILED PLAN 10<sup>TH</sup> AND CENTER WIDENING CORNER.** CM Beikman said the City should get detailed plans to widen the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Center Street (US Hwy 36/77). The Mayor agreed.
2. **THANK YOU, AUSTIN ST. JOHN.** The Mayor and the Council thanked Austin for his time here at the City and wished him luck.

There being no further business, at 8:08 p.m. CM Keating moved to adjourn, CM Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Holle  
City Clerk