

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-December 11, 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. Interim City Administrator Pederson 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. CM Price was absent.

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

The minutes from the November 28th special meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Behrens seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

Mayor Frye presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Barnes and thanked both CM Price and Mayor Barnes for their service. There was also a plaque for CM Price. The certified election results from the Marshall County Clerk were read and the new council members were sworn in by CC Holle. Mayor Frye is in the chair. Roll call was answered by the following council members: CM Snellings, CM Ferris, CM Behrens, CM Keating, CM Beikman CM Throm, CM Schrater and CM Goracke. A quorum was present.

Mayor Frye reseated the council. CM Snellings moved CM Behrens seconded to nominate CM Throm as Council President. CM Beikman moved, CM Schrater seconded to nominate CM Keating as Council President. CM Behrens, CM Snellings and CM Throm voted for CM Throm. CM Beikman, CM Goracke, CM Schrater and CM Ferris voted for CM Keating. CM Keating was elected as Council President.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **CHAMBER MAIN STREET REPORT.** Wayne Kruse, Director of Chamber Main Street gave an update on local events. Brenda Spencer will be in Marysville on December 21 to speak to individuals about the Historic District. A wired speaker system is up for consideration instead of a wireless system downtown. CMS is also asking the City to name the “Pony Plaza” with an official name.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **NORDHUS MOTORS STORM SEWER PROJECTION.** Rob Peschel president of CES Engineering reported on the scope and cost to repair the storm sewer near Nordhus Motors. This is very conceptual at this point. There is no clear data showing where the storm water runs, but some of it runs under the concrete at Nordhus Motors. Engineer’s preliminary estimate is \$559,998. CM Behrens moved, CM Throm seconded to have ICA Pederson and CES president Rob Peschel create a scope of service for a study to find the current flow of the storm water and bring a cost to Council at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The Water/Sewer Department attempted to find the collapsed pipe between 1401 and 1411 Center. The pipe could not be located, and the W/WW Department was more than 13 feet deep. More analysis will need to be done before a plan can be finalized about the collapsed pipe.
2. **TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF SQUIRREL STATUE ALLIANCE INSURANCE.** Alliance Insurance submitted a request to temporarily move their squirrel statue from 709 Broadway

to 715 Center while their new location is remodeled. This will cause an obstruction on the sidewalk at 715 Center. The Council asked for the squirrel to be placed next to the building facing either east or west. CM Throm moved; CM Beikman seconded to allow the squirrel statue to be placed on the sidewalk at 715 Center until April 30, 2024.

3. **CHRISTMAS IN NORTH PARK.** Liz Warren representing the North Park neighborhood would like to use 15 City cones and to close one lane of traffic to create a one-way for safety during the Christmas in North Park event. They would like to limit the traffic on Debbie Lane at 12th Street (south side); Park Place at 16th Street (north side); 14th Street at the intersection of Debbie Lane. CM Throm moved; CM Goracke seconded allow the Park Place neighborhood to use 15 cones and to create one-way traffic Sunday, December 17, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 305 N 4TH.** BI Ralph included in the agenda an application for Economic Development for Dani Beckman Bonar at 305 N 4th Street. The trailer house is in a qualifying subdivision and has several structural issues. CM Keating moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the Economic Development at 305 N 4th Street for Dani Beckman Bonar for up to \$2,500 to remove the structure. Motion carried 8-0.
5. **MARYSVILLE AMBULANCE CONTRACT.** The annual renewal for the Marysville Ambulance contract was presented. The fee was increased by 10% to accommodate for advanced life support service for hospital transfers. Most of the increase will need to be absorbed by the General Fund as there was only a 2% increase in the budget. CM Throm moved; CM Keating seconded to approve the 2024 ambulance contract for \$189,408.00. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **HIGHWAY 36 MANHOLE PROJECT BIDS.** The bid results for the manhole project on Highway 36 were included in the agenda. The bids are as follows: Engineer's estimate, \$424,483.00; Nowak Construction Company, \$601,837.40; Smoky Hill, LLC, \$413,830.00; Jadwin Construction, \$698,163.92. After Council discussion about financing availability and the use of ARPA funds, CM Beikman moved; CM Behrens seconded to accept the bid from Smoky Hill, LLC for \$413,830. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **RATE STUDY.** Council and ICA Pederson discussed debt service and capital outlay funding of sewer and storm water projects. ICA Pederson suggested the City hire Getting Great Rates to conduct a study of the sewer rates and possibly the water rates. Ways to finance storm water projects was also discussed. Getting Great Rates is endorsed by KRWA and because the City is a member, we would receive a 25% discount. CM Behrens moved; CM Snellings seconded to get a quote from Getting Great Rates to conduct a study. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

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

1. Convention & Tourism funding requests: KANSAS! Magazine, ¼ page ad February \$685.00; Engage By Cell, QR codes for audio tour \$250.00; One Delightful Life travel blogger expenses \$774.00; totaling \$1,709.00.

2. 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses: Bite Me BBQ, Dave Lyhane; Casey's General Store, Tiago Coelho; C J Express, Stacy McGrath; C J Express #2, Stacy McGrath; Dollar General, Anita Laws; Pizza Hut, Marcia Young; Tony's Meat Market, Anthony Caudillo; Wal-Mart, Robert Row.
3. The City Clerk's Report for November showed \$12,464.60 collected in receipts with a like amount being deposited with the City Treasurer.
4. Cash balances in funds were presented as well as outstanding debt and receivable balances. Revenue/Expenditure Budget Reports through November 2023 showed unadjusted accumulated revenues in the General Fund of \$3,098,273 or 109% of budget; Water Revenue Fund, \$855,047 or 95% of budget, Sewer Revenue Fund, \$706,212 or 92% of budget. Unadjusted statement of expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$3,027,629 or 94% of budget, Water Revenue Fund, \$790,216 or 61% of budget, and Sewer Revenue Fund, \$721,894 or 52% of budget.
5. The Municipal Judge's Report for November showed \$2,990.50 being deposited with the City Treasurer and \$164.50 being forwarded to the State Treasurer for Judicial Branch Education, court costs and law enforcement training.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3811

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$94,038.68; Water Revenue Fund, \$22,503.24; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$12,697.18; Industrial Fund, \$5,000.00; Economic Development, \$5,000.00; Library Revolving Fund, \$6,821.47; Swim Pool Sales Tax, \$908.46; Koester Block Maintenance, \$5,627.45; Employee Benefit, \$9,175.81; Transient Guest Tax, \$1,893.85; Sales Tax Improvements, \$44.68; making a total of \$158,710.82.
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 \$158,710.82.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 8-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3811.

STAFF REPORTS:

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH.** ICA Pederson said he had tentatively set up a meeting with SGR to discuss the administrator candidates during an executive session at the next meeting on December 27. ICA Pederson suggested the meeting be held by zoom. Mayor Frye asked if the requirements or benefits for the position could be modified. This will be discussed with SGR.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREET:

1. **BORING MACHINE ON BROADWAY.** CM Throm said the Jadwin Construction's boring machine was parked on Broadway and it would be advantageous to block the first 3 parking stalls in front of Citizens State Bank. CM Behrens moved, CM Schrater seconded to block the first three

parking stalls on the north side of Broadway in front of the Citizens State Bank until the boring is completed. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

1. **LAGOON PROJECT UPDATE.** CM Beikman asked for an update on the Lagoon Project. Water/Sewer Supervisor Bargman said excavation is underway and you can start to see the shape of the new cells.
2. **VERIZON CELL TOWER.** Mayor Frye asked if the City has any information on the Verizon Cell Tower which is to be built in the Industrial Park. The City has received no correspondence yet.

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. **CEMETERY POLICY ON DECORATIONS.** CM Behrens asked if decorations could be left on graves in the winter when the City is not mowing. CC Holle will check the policy. There have been no letters sent to citizens about cemetery decorations.

CEMETERY/AIRPORT:

POLICE AND FIRE:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:

1. **GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.** Mayor Frye said he appreciated citizens reporting grant opportunities. ICA Pederson said he has also received the information and he will review them. He said a grant opportunity is only as good as a project you have.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. **DESIGNATION OF KAY CLUB CITIZENSHIP WEEK.** Mayor Frye declared December 10-16 Kay Club week and read the proclamation.
2. **STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.** Mayor Frye made the following Standing Committee Appointments: *Admin & Finance*-Lori Snelling, Jeff Keating, Colleen Behrens; *Cemetery & Airport*-Lori Snellings, Keith Beikman, Colleen Behrens; *Parks & Recreation*-Kyle Goracke, Cherie Ferris, Keith Beikman; *Grievance*-Lori Snellings, Jeff Keating, Kevin Thom; *Police & Fire*-Kris Schrater, Colleen Behrens, Cherie Ferris; *Street*-Kyle Goracke, Lori Snellings,

Kevin Thom; *Water & Sewer*-Jeff Keating, Kris Schrater, Kevin Thom. Mayor Frye asked that the committees meet and get to know their duties.

3. **SNELLINGS ABSENT.** CM Snellings reported she would not be at the meeting on December 27, but could attend the final meeting on December 28 at 5:15 p.m.
4. **WELCOME SIGN ON SOUTH HWY 77.** CM Ferris asked if the Welcome to Marysville sign would be replaced. CM Behrens said the sign was scheduled to be replaced when the blue directional signs are completed. CM Ferris said she was happy to begin serving on the Council.
5. **BETTER FUTURE.** CM Schrater said he was happy to serve on the Council and hoped to help Marysville to a better future.
6. **WELCOME.** CM Frye welcomed all the new and returning council members.

There being no further business, at 8:23 p.m. CM Snellings moved to adjourn, CM Keating seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Holle
City Clerk