

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-December 27, 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 Frye in the chair. Interim City Administrator Pederson, City Attorney McNish and City Clerk Holle were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following council members: Ferris, Keating, Beikman, Schrater, and Goracke. A quorum was present. CM Snellings, CM Behrens and CM Throm were absent.

The minutes from the December 11th regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Beikman moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried by 5-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Frye asked the Council to amend the agenda by adding an item concerning the Koester Block. CM Keating moved, CM Schrater seconded to add a fifth item to the agenda under Business and Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **PRESERVATION AGREEMENT POST OFFICE BLOCK BUILDING.** The Kansas State Historic Preservation reported the City has not signed and filed a Preservation Agreement for the building located at 909-913 Broadway. The City received a \$38,700.00 grant for repairs to the building and the agreement is required when grant funds have been received. The agreement is valid for 5 years. CM Beikman moved, CM Goracke seconded to sign and file the Preservation Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY.** Getting Great Rates.com proposed a rate study for sewer utility analysis for \$7,791.00 and a rate study for water utility for \$6,623.00. The study will take about 6 months to complete. ICA Pederson suggested the City ask the company to present the results in person. Mayor Frye said he thought the study would help the Council make better informed decisions. CM Goracke moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve both rate studies totaling \$14,414.00. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **STATE OF KANSAS WATER PROJECT GRANTS.** NCRPC representative Amanda Horn contacted the City with a new grant opportunity from the State of Kansas. The fee for administering the grant would be \$750 plus 5% of the award which would max out at \$15,000. CM Beikman moved, CM Goracke seconded to hire NCRPC to apply for the grant for the City and sign the Affidavit in Support of Grant Submission and the Affidavit in Support of Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **STREET PARKING 107 S 8TH STREET.** Crystal Leis, owner of Sunflower Medical Clinic located at 107 S 8th Street requested designated parking stalls by her business. After Council discussion the consensus of Council was to have CA McNish write an ordinance to allow two 20-minute parking stalls in front of Sunflower Medical Clinic Monday through Friday from noon to 5:00 p.m.
5. **KOESTER BLOCK COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.** Mayor Frye reported an interested investor has approached the City about developing the City's commercial property in the Koester Block. CM Goracke moved, CM Beikman seconded, to allow the Mayor and the interim City Administrator to explore options and gather information on the commercial properties in the Koester Block. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

CONSENT AGENDA.

The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Beikman moved; CM Keating seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Alcohol consumption request at the Lee Dam Art Center-Jeff Keating Christmas Party December 29, 2023.
2. Alcohol consumption request at the Lee Dam Art Center-Julia Mueeting Baptism Lunch January 14, 2024,
3. 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage license Astro Theatre.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3812

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$78,199.44; Water Revenue Fund, \$73,194.27; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$65,883.23; Airport Revolving Fund, \$24,092.55; Library Revolving Fund, \$11,649.52; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$19,757.00; Koester Block Maintenance, \$287.59; Employee Benefit, \$62,168.53; Transient Guest Tax, \$9,913.89; Sales Tax Improvements, \$201,085.10 making a total of \$546,231.12.
2. An appropriations ordinance was introduced and considered to honor claims against the funds of the City as audited by the Finance Committee. CM Keating moved; CM Goracke seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$546,231.12.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 5-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3812.

STAFF REPORTS:

PLANNING & ZONING:

1. **USE PERMITTED UPON REVIEW 302 ALSTON.** BI Ralph included in the agenda the Use Permitted Upon Review for a childcare facility at 302 Alston which had a hearing and was approved by the P & Z Commission on December 14, 2023. Pony Express Partnership of Children will open a facility for up to 24 children.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREET:

WATER & WASTEWATER:

1. **RATE STUDY.** The Water/Sewer Committee met and looked at the details of the rate study proposal by Get Great Rates.com.

PARKS & RECREATION:

1. **NEW RESTROOMS IN CITY PARK.** CM Beikman asked if any plans had been finalized for the City Park restrooms and if the restrooms would be rebuilt or remodeled in 2024. CC Holle

reported the project was scheduled to be placed on the Pony Up Marysville event in the spring. CM Keating suggested the committee meet and prepare a suggested plan to submit to the Pony Up fund raiser. Mayor Frye said it could be shown in phases and built according to the funding received.

CEMETERY/AIRPORT:

1. **CEMETERY CHAPEL.** CM Schrater reported the Cemetery Chapel could be added to the Historic District so the City could receive funds to rehabilitate the chapel. The limestone out houses and the limestone pillars which were also built as a WPA project and could be included. CM Beikman said if the chapel was not used as storage for the Cemetery Department the City would need to expand their shop.
2. **AIRPORT TAXIWAY.** ICA Pederson said the gap in the taxiway at the airport had been addressed.

POLICE AND FIRE:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE:

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor's annual appointments:

Airport Advisory Commission-Curtis Spicer, January 2024-December 2024

Cemetery Board-Vallery Prell, Debby Henderson, Shannon Borgman January 2024-December 2024

Convention & Tourism-April Spicer, & Woody Walstrom (2nd Term) January 2024-December 2026; Daniel Ackerman & Kelsey Smith (1st Term) January 2024-December 2026

Koester Block Advisory Board-Jeff Christ January 2024-December 2026

Fire Department Officers-Don Ballman, Chief; Joe Pilsl, Deputy Chief; Alex Rombeck, Assistant Chief; January 2024-December 2024

CM Beikman moved, CM Keating seconded to approve the Mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:50 p.m. CM Beikman moved to recess into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship about litigation or claims against the city to K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (2). This meeting will include the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and interim City Administrator. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 7:55 p.m. CM Goracke seconded. Motion carried 5-0. At 7:55 p.m. the council reconvened. Mayor Frye reported no binding action taken during the executive session and the regular session was continuing.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

1. **WALMART.** CM Ferris said she was at Walmart during the Shop with a Cop event, and it was great. She said she had a good Christmas and hoped everyone else had also.

2. **STORM SEWER BY NORDHUS.** CM Goracke said the excavation near the Nordhus storm sewer had been closed and asked what had been found. CES Engineering will supply more information at the first meeting in January.
3. **FLOOD LIGHT AT DARGATZ BASKETBALL COURT.** CM Schrater reported the flood light at Dargatz Park basketball court has been repaired.
4. **STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS.** Mayor Frye said he has had several citizens approach him about storm water issues in their neighborhoods as well as in other parts of the City. We will need to find funding to address the problem.
5. **FORMS ON-LINE.** Mayor Frye asked if more of the forms the City requires could be placed on the website for easier access.
6. **SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 2.** The Council was reminded there will be a Special meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 5:30p.m. to speak with the representative from SGR who is conducting the City Administrator search.

At 8:07 p.m. CM Beikman moved to recess this meeting until Thursday, December 28 at 5:15 p.m., CM Goracke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Governing Body of the City of Marysville were called to order in an adjourned session at 5:15 p.m. on December 28 at the City Hall with Mayor Frye in the chair. And City Clerk Holle was also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following council members: Snellings, Ferris, Beikman, Schrater, and Goracke. A quorum was present. CM Behrens, CM Keating and CM Throm were absent.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3813

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$126,009.91; Water Revenue Fund, \$14,800.70; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$8,880.46; Library Revolving Fund, \$6,629.81; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$322.60; Koester Block Maintenance, \$2,055.30; Employee Benefit, \$9,568.01; Transient Guest Tax, \$57.66; Sales Tax Improvements, \$244,874.85 making a total of \$413,199.30.
2. An appropriations ordinance was introduced and considered to honor claims against the funds of the City as audited by the Finance Committee. CM Snellings moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$413,199.30.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 5-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3813.

There being no further business, at 5:16 p.m. CM Goracke moved to adjourn, CM Beikman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Holle
City Clerk