

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
511 N. COMMERCIAL**

**July 20, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Rodney Eggleston

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Thom Noone, Rick Jacob, Richard Ludowese, Kirby Stucky

ABSENT: Lynne Vigil

ATTENDING: Jaci Reimer, City Administrator; Janise Enterkin, City Clerk; Brad Jantz, City Attorney; Pilar Martin, Harvey County Independent; Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Harvey County EDC, Beth Shelton, Harvey County EDC; Charlie Peaster, American Legion; Ray Huff, Police Chief; Eric Purk, City Superintendent; Mark Sauerwein, Director of Emergency Services; Jack Blazer, Knudsen Monroe; Gary Head, Beth Scharbutt, James Sharbutt, Mark Jacob, Dan Rohr, Frank Harper

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 6, 2015

PAYROLL CHECKS \$19,180.35

GENERAL DISBURSEMENT CHECKS 61783-61829

TOTAL: \$42,893.48

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC FORUM

Harvey County EDC President, Jaci Reimer introduced Beth Shelton, Business Development and Improvement with Harvey County EDC. Ms. Shelton was hired through the funding partnership with Harvey County EDC.

Charlie Peaster, American Legion came before Council to ask for permission to do a 21 gun salute within the city limits. Mr. Peaster shared a circumstance regarding a funeral service for a veteran that was not being buried right away. The Kansas statute K.S.A. 21-6308a says that the firing of blanks is allowed. Mr. Peaster will let the PD know if and when they will be doing a 21 gun salute within city limits

Police Chief Ray Huff said he was worried that allowing a group to shoot within the city limits may upset people in town. There is no city ordinance that states that they can't be fired.

Mark Jacob, Manager of Sedgwick Andale Coop, spoke to Council in regards to proposed truck route. He pointed out that the route suggested by Police Chief Huff did not have any way to come in from the East without crossing the tracks.

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Blazer, Knudsen & Monroe, came before Council to present the 2014 Audit review and answer questions from Council. Council had no questions.

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO APPROVE 2014 AUDIT FOR CITY OF SEDGWICK. MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF REPORTS

Ray Huff, Police Chief, presented the 2nd Quarter report for the Police Department. The quarter has been quiet and has had several officers in training.

Mark Sauerwein, Director of Emergency Services, gave his 2nd Quarter review. He reported that they continue training each month. No response on 2015 grants for radios. He reported on members of department that had passed Paramedic and EMT courses and showed pictures of Tanker 34 paint job and decals.

Eric Purk, City Superintendent presented the maintenance 2nd Quarter report. Maintenance has been very busy. Council member Noone asked about the progress on the alley between 4th and 5th, Commercial and Franklin. Noone has heard some complaints from residents about their fences. Eric said he would take a look at the fences and see what they could do to clean them up. Council member Ludowese asked if there has been issues with grease at the sewer plant and offered to give maintenance information on grease cleanup product.

Jaci Reimer, City Administrator had no updates, just working on 2016 Budget for past 2 weeks.

Brad Jantz, City Attorney gave an update on 507 N Commercial, reporting that the paperwork for closing is at Regier Title and is ready for signature. The purchasing party had mentioned an ADA question. **City Administrator Reimer** said that the city had given contact information in regards to ADA and information that we could find. **Atty Jantz** said he would talk with the realtor, Dave Brown again tomorrow and see when we can get it to closure.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Eggleston opened the discussion on the proposed truck route with a statement. "This has been discussed several times, even quite a while before I was up here probably before several of these people were up here. There's a lot of different reasons for establishing a truck route. You know one mainly that the equipment keeps getting larger and heavier and with that it becomes harder on the roads and causes more damage to the roads and in turn that creates more cost to maintain our infrastructure and that cost is burdened by the City of Sedgwick at large. We want to maintain, we want to keep the truck traffic mainly through more residential zoned areas to reduce noise, dust, higher traffic. I brought some figures, when this was looked at before there are several reasons for not including Jackson, paving Jackson, we already have several streets in town, paved to the thickness to handle this truck traffic, Washington from 1st to 7th is paved to accept truck traffic. This was done years back because of DeLange Feed and the trucks that went to and from that location. In order to make that part of the truck route, it would only require us to put no on-street parking signage from 1st to 4th and change the radius at the right hand turn change at 4th street. That could be done at the approximate cost of approximate \$30,000 maximum to change the curb radius and fill in the changed areas with concrete or asphalt. In 2011 we did paving estimates to pave Jackson from 1st to 4th Street and for a basic residential city street, 31 feet back to back curb and guttering with 5 inches of asphalt the cost was \$350,000, this was calculated for homeowners at a 90/10 split. Correct me if I am wrong Jaci, that is a policy on the books, correct?"

City Administrator Reimer replied, "Yes it is a policy on the books."

Mayor Eggleston continued, "This is the way that all of the other streets in town have been, are being done in residential streets being paved. 90% to the residents on the street and 10% the city. That's the paving of the street, the city would then put in new water lines and each owner would get a drive way approach, not a full drive way. These costs, let's see, the city share would have been about 100 to \$150,000 to replace water lines and this would be burdened by the city itself. What we discussed last time what I saw was a cost of \$600,000 to do this for Jackson at a thickness for truck traffic. Since we already have many streets in town paved to accept truck traffic, I feel like that is an over use and an unnecessary use of the citizens tax dollars just to appease a small faction."

Discussion continued with those present.

Frank Harper suggested assembling a task force to create a better dialogue. The task force would bring back their findings and suggestions and see if the coop would be willing to bring funds forth to help.

Charlie Peaster suggested that the task force include a couple of citizens that live on Jackson Street, members of Council and Coop.

Mayor Eggleston said that it may have to be discussed.

City Administrator Jaci Reimer, reviewed the 2016 Budget.

Council member Jacob asked if the city had a refuse surcharge for street maintenance to help with trash truck damage to the streets.

City Administrator, Reimer explained how other cities have raised refuse rates to cover street maintenance. She said that it can be looked at for next year.

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO APPROVE BUDGET HEARING FOR AUGUST 3, 2015, 7:30PM AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING/DATE REMINDERS

- a. REAP – July 23rd, Location TBA, 12:30 PM
- b. Harvey County EDC, Aug. 19 3:30 PM
- c. Hillside Cemetery 2016 Budget Hearing, August 3, 7PM
- d. City of Sedgwick 2016 Budget Hearing, August 3, 7:30PM

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM



Janise P. Enterkin, CMC
City Clerk