

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2022

7:30 p.m.

The Mulvane City Council convened at the City Building at 211 N. Second at 7:30 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Shelly Steadman, who called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Kevin Cardwell, Amanda Ford, Tim Huntley, Brent Allen, Nancy Farber Mottola.

Others Present: Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Joel Pile, Kent Hixson, J.T. Klaus, Gordon Fell, Chris Young, Ticia Herd, Kevin Baker.

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Steadman.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 1-17-2022:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 1-17-22.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Mottola was contacted by a citizen that had questions about what the 1% City Sales Tax would be used for. Mottola answered questions and also referred them to the City Administrator, Kent Hixson. The citizen was interested in the footbridge at English Park and the water feature.

Review and Closing of the Agenda: None

Appointments, Awards and Citations:

1. Mulvane Recreation Commission – City Appointment to fill a Vacancy:

The city appoints two of the five members on the Mulvane Recreation Commission. Frank Mistretta has resigned his position. The council needs to appoint a city resident to fill that unexpired 4-year term on the MRC. Mayor Steadman recommended Whitney Phipps.

Mulvane Recreation Commission:

Debby Kendrick	2021	School
Filling Soon	2022	School
Theresa Papon	2023	At Large
Ron Hladik	2023	City
Frank Mistretta	2024	City

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to appoint Whitney Phipps to fill the unexpired term of Frank Mistretta on the Mulvane Recreation Commission.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Mayor Steadman is appreciative of Mr. Mistretta's service.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mulvane Recreation Commission – Proposal for a Fitness Court:

MRC Director, Ticia Herd, presented a plan to build an outdoor fitness court and asked the City to provide the site, help fund, and build the fitness court.

The National Fitness Campaign has partnered with health organizations nationwide, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, to build health communities. Their Mission is to build a free fitness court within a 10-minute bike ride of everyone.

The MRC has received feedback through surveys that there is interest in outdoor fitness and adult focused parks. The total cost of the fitness court is \$165,000 minus the \$50,000 grant.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas has extended \$500,000 in grant funds to 10 Kansas communities (\$50,000 each) to help with the cost of the fitness court. Mulvane is eligible for the grant.

Herd asked the city to consider supporting this project by funding half of the \$115,000 to \$135,000 needed to bring this to our community. MRC would provide the other half of funding. Herd asked if the city would provide a location for the fitness court. The proposed court is 38 x 38.

There was discussion on possible locations for the fitness court, screening or artwork on the back wall, the time frame needed to complete the project, how long will grant funds be available, who would provide the concrete work needed for the court, and additional ways to provide funding. Staff recommended putting the project in the CIP. Council liked the fitness court but would like to get recommendations from Public Works Director, Kevin Baker.

Herd would like to proceed with the application, which is non-binding. She will return to council when she has some answers to their questions.

2. Transient Guest Tax – Local Events Request:

The manager of the Kansas Star Casino supports promoting of local events and has agreed to set aside up to \$25,000 of the TGT funds in 2022 that the City can disburse to support local events and festivals. The funds are available to award these grants from the Transient Guest Tax Fund.

Applications have been received from:

1. The Mulvane Rodeo Arena
2. Showdown in the Valley - Marauders Car Show
3. The Mulvane Old Settlers Celebration

There was discussion regarding the budgets included with the applications. Councilmember Cardwell reviewed the budget for the Marauders.

MOTION by Huntley, second by Ford to approve the Transient Guest Tax fund “local event” request for The Mulvane Rodeo Arena, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Allen, second by Mottola to approve the Transient Guest Tax fund “local event” request for Showdown in the Valley – Marauders Car Show, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

MOTION approved. Cardwell abstained.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to approve the Transient Guest Tax fund “local event” request for The Mulvane Old Settlers Celebration in the amount of \$2,000.00.

MOTION approved unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, requested an executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for discussion of legal matters.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to recess this meeting to an Executive Session for the discussion of matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for the purpose of discussing related legal matters for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and the City Attorney and to return at approximately 8:30 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to reconvene the City Council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Steadman advised that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1. Ordinance Authorizing the 1% Sales Tax:

A special question election was held on January 18, 2022. The special election asked the following question:

Shall the City of Mulvane, Kansas levy a 1% retailers’ sales tax pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.* for not more than 5 years for the special purposes of financing and paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping (1) a new downtown fountain park with water feature, (2) footbridges and other city park improvements, (3) Rock Road resurfacing, and (4) city stormwater drainage improvements?

The 1% sales tax was approved. The results of the election have been certified. Bond Counsel has prepared the Ordinance authorizing the 1.00% sales tax. The sales tax will take effect July 1, 2022.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen that the council adopt Ordinance No. 1550 authorizing the 1% sales tax.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1550

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A RETAILERS' SALES TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE PERCENT (1.0%) WITHIN THE CITY OF MULVANE, KANSAS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022.

Questions were asked if the sales tax on food would impact the local sales tax. Klaus advised, if passed, it should not impact the local sales tax. He will keep the council posted of any updates.

ENGINEER

1. Project Review and Update:

City Engineer, Chris Young, reviewed project updates with the council which included: Main "A" Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Pool Re-Painting, Rock Road Sewer Lift Station Abandonment, BRIC Grant – Flood Mitigation Funding, Second Street Pedestrian Crossing at Martha Ave. Young presented a 2021 Infrastructure Project Summary and a 2022 Infrastructure Project Plan.

City Clerk: Advised the council of a "KOMA for Elected Officials" course offered by the LKM on February 23rd. Registration is open until February 16th. Parker will register those that are interested in the course.

City Administrator: None

City Attorney: None

Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 4.

1. Payroll dated 1-21-22 (\$216,492.46)
2. Payroll dated 2-04-22 (\$210,049.63)
3. Warrant Register (\$1,196,555.61)
4. City Utility Bills (\$22,582.95)

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Monday, February 21st - next council meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Allen, second by Cardwell to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk