

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS**

The Council of the City of Fairway, Kansas, held their regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. at 5240 Belinder Road, Fairway, Kansas, on Monday, February 13, 2023.

Present: Council Members Jenna Brofsky, David Watkins, Jonalan Smith, Kelly-Ann Buszek, Jason Rogers, Dan Bailey, Joe Levin and Tanya Keys.

Absent: None.

Presiding: Mayor Melanie Hepperly.

Staff Present: Nathan Nogelmeier, City Administrator; Richard Cook, City Attorney; J.P. Thurlo, Police Chief; Bill Stogsdill, Director of Public Works; Brice Soeken, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Visitors: Steve Chick, Consolidated Fire District No. 2; Joe Alburty, 5905 Fontana.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hepperly called the meeting to order.

City Administrator Nogelmeier announced that the camera facing the dais was not working this evening so those attendees participating by Zoom would only be able to view the audience area of the Council chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hepperly led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATION: BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Mayor Hepperly presented a Proclamation designating the month of February, 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Fairway. She stated that Fairway will join with the nation in celebrating and honoring the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments of African Americans in the community, throughout the state and nation as part of American History.

**PROCLAMATION: PRINCESS DAY IN FAIRWAY**

Mayor Hepperly read a Proclamation designating February 25, 2023 as Princess Day in Fairway.

**MONTHLY REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, CHIEF CHICK**

Chief Chick discussed a research project the Fire District conducted to compare the types and number of calls they have run over the past few years. Overall, the call volume has remained consistent, with about a 6 percent increase. There was an increase in several cities with trash fires, mostly storage of cardboard or other combustibles. They will be working with business owners to ensure they are paying attention to how they are handling combustibles. Calls for emergency medical services in Fairway have remained consistent; however, the calls for assistance of the invalid or to assist someone who is unable to take care of themselves has increased from 30 calls in 2021 to 47 calls in 2022. He considers this a significant increase. He explained that the District is working with Johnson County to establish a community outreach nursing program to address the issue. The program will allow the Fire Department to refer the public, who regularly contact the Fire Department due to falls or needing assistance for routine matters, to the outreach program. While the Fire District is always happy to assist in those situations, it is concerning to see nearly a 50 percent increase in the number of calls. The Fire District is looking for services with the County that residents may be overlooking.

Chief Chick also reported that the two new fire engines that were purchased a couple years ago have been received. They are working with a vendor to get the fire engines properly outfitted and he expects them to be rolling by mid-March.

Chief Chick explained that for some time the Fire District has been challenged, same as the Police Department, to find available applicants for openings. The Fire District is looking towards more diversity in the department. An intern program was set up last year that allows individuals who are interested in becoming firefighters to train, work with the crews and ride along on calls. The first intern was hired last fall, has passed all his tests in the Academy, and will become a fire fighter recruit on Saturday. The program alleviates the need of going through the hiring process and spending time and money on recruiting. The Fire District is excited about the program and the new recruit.

Responding to Councilman Watkins' question, Chief Chick stated that the two new engines will be at the Martway/Mission station and the Prairie Village station. The engine at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Mission is scheduled for replacement in about two years and because it takes about 30 months for a new apparatus to be built after it is ordered, he expects to order the engine that will service Fairway at the end of the year.

Mayor Hepperly thanked Chief Chick for the insightful analysis and asked if the increased number of assistance calls were because of the aging population or whether there were mental health issues involved.

Chief Chick responded that he thinks the increase relates to residents who are trying to stay in their homes but reaching the end of their ability to provide for themselves. The Fire District will keep an eye on the situation to make sure the residents are safe and able to maintain a healthy environment for themselves.

Mayor Hepperly also commended Chief Chick for the intern program and stated that now that one individual has been successful, she thinks there will be increased interest.

Chief Chick agreed.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, MR. NOGELMEIER

##### Monthly Report

City Administrator Nogelmeier referred to the report in the packet, subject to questions. He highlighted that construction valuation is off to a quick start in 2023 as there were two new single family home permits issued in January with over \$2M of construction valuation.

He explained that the financials show about \$2.4M in the capital improvement fund. This includes \$600,000 in grant money transferred from the federal grant fund through the Police Department and into the CIP. He noted that next month those funds will be separated from the CIP into a sub-fund for Unrestricted ARPA. This will help for transparency and tracking purposes until the Council decides how to spend the funds.

He reported that the City ended the year strong with a little over \$500,000 in cash carry forward, which is about double what was budgeted. January sales tax was about \$213,000 so it is continuing the trend of being above pre-Covid amounts.

#### POLICE COMMITTEE, CHIEF THURLO

##### Monthly Report

Chief Thurlo referred to the report in the packet, subject to questions. He noted that there were zero burglaries last month, which he attributes to the fact that Fairway police officers are extremely visible.

He discussed the new signage that will be added to one of the Police Department parking spots that announces that online transactions will be recorded there. The camera will not be monitored 24/7, but the video recording of the transaction will be available, if necessary.

He next discussed a new program called Neighborhood Net. The program allows residents to register their video cameras, Ring doorbells and other equipment with the Police Department. The Police Department will not monitor or have access to the recordings, but if something happens, the Police can reach out to those registered in the neighborhood to see if the devices captured information concerning the incident.

Information concerning both the new parking spot and the Neighborhood Net program will be included in the next issue of Focus on Fairway.

Finally, Chief Thurlo reported that Fairway officers assisted outside agencies over the weekend for a shots fired call on the border between Mission and Roeland Park. A Fairway officer took into custody one of the individuals who participated and was hiding in the area. The officer did a great job and everyone was safe.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. STOGSDILL

##### Monthly Report

Director Stogsdill referred to the report in the packet, subject to question. He discussed the surprise snow storm this week and stated that Public Works' response was fantastic.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR. SOEKEN

##### Monthly Report

Director Soeken referred to the report as submitted, subject to questions. He highlighted that Parks and Recreation has been busy with facility rentals at City Hall. In addition, work is continuing on removal of the pool liner and the caulking and painting work should begin soon so that the work will be completed by Memorial Day.

Responding to Councilwoman Buszek's question concerning the Maintenance Agreement at Kathryn Lyon Flora Park, City Administrator Nogelmeier stated that he understands the annual contribution will be ongoing.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

##### Tree Board

No report.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hepperly outlined the nine items on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda items include the following: (A) Minutes of Previous Regular City Council Meeting; (B) Claims and Appropriations – Ordinance #1777 – January 2023; (C) Annual Mayoral Appointments; (D) Swim Meet ILA; (E) Super Pass Agreement; (F) Operation Green Light Agreement; (G) ILA with Roeland Park for 2023 CIP Project; (H) Engagement Letter with Marr and Company P.C. for 2022 Financial Audit; (I) Annual Maintenance Agreement for Kathryn Lyon Flora Park.

Mayor Hepperly asked for public comment on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, she closed public comment on this item.

Mayor Hepperly asked for discussion from the Council. Hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Councilman Bailey moved that the Council approve Consent Agenda items A through I. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hepperly asked for public comment for items not listed on the agenda.

Joe Alburty, 5905 Fontana, asked that the camera view be changed to the front of the room.

City Administrator Nogelmeier explained that Mr. Alburty may not have been present at the beginning of the meeting, but an announcement was made that the camera showing the dais was currently not working. He added that a service ticket has been submitted for repair.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Brofsky moved that the Council recess into Executive Session to obtain legal advice related to 2820 W. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fairway, Kansas, 66205, pursuant to the attorney/client consultation exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)2. The Executive Session will include Attorney Rich Cook, City Administrator Nogelmeier and Councilmembers. The open meeting will resume in Council Chambers at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 7:30 P.M.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Councilman Watkins moved that the Council recess into Executive Session to obtain legal advice related to the Shawnee Indian Mission, pursuant to the attorney/client consultation exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)2. The Executive Session will include Attorney Rich Cook, City Administrator Nogelmeier and Councilmembers. The open meeting will resume in Council Chambers at 7:30 P.M. Councilwoman Buszek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 8:15 P.M

COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Levin read a prepared statement regarding a resolution recently passed by a neighboring community

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Watkins moved to adjourn. Councilman Levin seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

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Mayor Melanie Hepperly

Attest:

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Barb Fox, Recording Secretary