

**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 6:44 P.M. at 5240 Belinder Road, Fairway, Kansas, on Monday, May 8, 2023.

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

Absent: Council Member Jonalan Smith.

Presiding: Mayor Melanie Hepperly.

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

Visitors: Joe Johnson, Region 6 Director, American Public Works Association.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hepperly called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hepperly led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: POLICE WEEK

Mayor Hepperly read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023 as National Police Week in the City of Fairway. She stated that members of the law enforcement agency in Fairway play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of residents and it is important to know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of the law enforcement agency.

She further designated May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Fairway, in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Hepperly read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 21 through May 27, 2023, as National Public Works Week in the City of Fairway. She urged all citizens to join with the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to public

works professionals and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting national health, safety and quality of life.

Mayor Hepperly thanked Chief Thurlo and Director Stogsdill and each of their staffs for their dedication to the City, and stated that she appreciates their loyalty and understanding of the needs of Fairway.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, CHIEF CHICK

Mayor Hepperly stated that Chief Chick was not present at the meeting. She referred to the report in the packet, subject to questions.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, MR. NOGELMEIER

Monthly Report

City Administrator Nogelmeier referred to the report in the packet, subject to questions. The Administration and Finance Committee met on April 26, 2023. Community Service Officer Baum has completed a sweep of the entire City looking for Ordinance violations, specifically violations for trash containers, trailers and outdoor storage. Letters were sent to 337 residents informing them of potential violations of the new trash can Ordinance. Community Service Officer Baum will follow up in the coming weeks to make sure that everyone is complying with the regulations. He noted that the previous Ordinance required that trash cans be completely screened and unviewable from any street. Those restrictions were loosened recently and now trash cans cannot be visible from the center point of the property from the street. The Committee also discussed the upcoming Capital Projects Workshop that will take place in the multipurpose room at City Hall on May 25, 2023.

POLICE COMMITTEE, CHIEF THURLO

Monthly Report

Chief Thurlo referred to the report in the packet, subject to questions. He thanked Mayor Hepperly for the Proclamation, indicating that members of the Police Department are proud to serve the City.

Chief Thurlo provided an overview of April, indicating that there were 228 more Police activities compared to last April. He discussed some of the activities included people running from the Police, catalytic converter theft, a theft from a busy business on Easter, assisting Mission with apprehension of a fleeing suspect, recovery of stolen autos, as well as drug arrests for marijuana, fentanyl and methamphetamines. In addition, Public Works notified the Police today about people who were spray painting under the Mission Road Bridge and those individuals were taken into custody.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, MR. STOGSDILL

Monthly Report

Director Stogsdill referred to the report in the packet, subject to questions. He thanked Mayor Hepperly for the Proclamation.

He explained that Fairway achieved its Tree City USA designation for the 28th year in a row. The Committee will meet next on May 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. and review the operating budget. Staff has been busy with mowing and have begun sweeping the streets to remove the oak dander.

Responding to Councilwoman Brofsky's question, Director Stogsdill explained that to achieve the Tree City USA designation, cities are required to spend \$2.00 per resident on trees.

City Administrator Nogelmeier added that based on the number of residents, the City is required to spend \$8,000 total per year on trees to achieve Tree City USA designation. In reality, the City spends about \$200,000 per year on its trees.

Mayor Hepperly pointed out that this why the Tree Protection Ordinance is so important.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, MR. SOEKEN

Monthly Report

Director Soeken referred the Council to the report in the packet, subject to questions.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Tree Board

No report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hepperly outlined the three 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 #1782 – April 2023; (C) Annual Tree Plan.

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.

Councilwoman Brofsky noted that the Tree Plan includes a priority list and she asked if the Tree Board would be discussing trees and new construction or how that issue will be addressed.

Mayor Hepperly responded that there is an Ordinance that covers trees and new construction. The Tree Board does not discuss that issue because it is considered a Council issue.

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

Councilwoman Buszek moved that the Council approve Consent Agenda items A through C. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APWA Reaccreditation Presentation.

Director Stogsdill introduced Joe Johnson, Region 6 Director of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Mr. Johnson is the former Public Works Director for the City of Leawood and was integral in helping Fairway with the purchase of the street lights several years ago.

Mr. Johnson presented a plaque to Director Stogsdill commemorating the City's completion of the reaccreditation process. He acknowledged and congratulated Director Stogsdill, Assistant City Clerk Abbie Aldridge, and the other Public Works staff members for their work during the reaccreditation process. He also thanked Mayor Hepperly and Councilmembers for their dedication and support to allow the Public Works Department to take the time and energy to go through the process. The reaccreditation improves the performance of the Public Works Department and also confirms that the Department is doing its best to deliver services in a very professional and dedicated manner.

Mayor Hepperly thanked Director Stogsdill, Assistant City Clerk Aldridge, and the Public Works staff for the fantastic accomplishment.

B. Consider CARS 5-Year Plan.

Director Stogsdill explained that before the Council for consideration is the annual CARS 5-Year Plan. An addition has been made for some rehab work on the Mission Road Bridge, which will include painting and stonework. Under the CARS Plan, 50 percent of the cost of this work will be paid for by the County.

Mayor Hepperly asked for discussion from the Council.

Responding to Councilwoman Brofsky's question, Director Stogsdill confirmed that unless the costs increase substantially, a sidewalk is planned to be added under the bridge near Roe where there previously was no sidewalk.

Mayor Hepperly asked for public comment on this item. Hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Councilman Watkins moved that the Council approve the CARS 5-Year Plan. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS BY GOVERNING BODY

Responding to Councilwoman Brofsky's question, Mayor Hepperly stated that the City is working with the Kaw to send out invitations to as many tribes as possible for a meeting at the end of July to begin the work of reinterpreting the exhibits at the Shawnee Indian Mission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hepperly asked for public comment for items not listed on the agenda. Hearing none, she closed public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Mayor Melanie Hepperly

Attest:

Barb Fox, Recording Secretary