



**CALL TO ORDER** - The Governing Body met for a regular meeting and the following commission members were present: Mayor Myron J. (Mike) Griswold, Mayor Pro-Tem Nancy Bauder, Commissioners Camalla Leonhard, Mark Preisinger and Jermaine Wilson.

**Others present:** City Manager Paul Kramer, Assistant City Manager Taylour Tedder, Public Works Director Mike McDonald, HR Director Lona Lanter, HR Specialist Michelle Meinert, Steve Grant Parks Director, Brian Bailey Parks Superintendent, Operations Superintendent Curtis Marks, Sr., Solid Waste Foreman Steve King, Police Department Major Dan Nicodemus, Fire Chief Gary Birch, Finance Director Ruby Maline, Public Information Officer Melissa Bower, Leavenworth County Emergency Management Director Chuck Magaha and Deputy City Clerk Cary L. Collins.

Mayor Griswold called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by silent meditation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**New Employee Welcome Ceremony:** The following newly hired employees were welcomed:

Christopher Crisp	Solid Waste Collector	Present
Lamar Conner	WPC Operator I	Not Present
Brandon Haley	Solid Waste Collector	Present
Adam Armstrong	Solid Waste Collector	Present
Darron Robertson	Streets Equipment Operator I	Not Present
Nickey Hargett	Streets Equipment Operator I	Not Present
Kelli Lester	Animal Control Officer	Not Present
Duane Boldridge	Inventory Parts Clerk	Not Present
Adam Crawford	Streets Equipment Operator I	Not Present
Austin Dyche	Police Officer	Present
Matthew Hadel	Firefighter	Present
Lawrence Levine	Rental Property Coordinator	Present
Tasha Buselt	Telecommunications Specialist	Present

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2020 regular meeting. Commissioner Preisinger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

## **Second Consideration Ordinances:**

**Second Consideration Ordinance 8124 Authorizing Construction of Stormwater Utility System Improvements and financing the cost with temporary financing and or general obligation bonds** – City Manager Paul Kramer presented Ordinance 8124. There have been no changes since the ordinance was placed on first consideration at the February 25, 2020 City Commission meeting.

- Mayor Griswold called the roll and the ordinance passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Comment:** None

## **General Items:**

**Army Corps of Engineers Presentation** – Eric Shumate from the Army Corps of Engineers presented the overall operation and management of the Missouri River basin, and provided an early outlook for the 2020 flood season.

Eric Shumate provided a formal presentation and fielded questions from the commission. Additionally, Chuck Magaha, Leavenworth County Emergency Management Director and Michael McDonald Public Works Director responded to questions from the commission.

Mayor Griswold:

- Navigation with city of Leavenworth's portion of Missouri River
- In 2019 there were two major flooding events in Leavenworth, was rain the major factor?
- For uncontrolled areas is there anything that be done to mitigate
- From flood of 1993, what did the city do to make things better

Commissioner Preisinger:

- Requested Mr. Magaha and Mr. McDonald come forward to discuss how this affects Leavenworth
- At what stage (point) does the river back up the creeks
- Asked Mr. Magaha and Mr. McDonald what questions has the commission not asked, but should

Mike McDonald:

- Always thinking flood preparedness
- 1993 flood changed discussions with Corps, communication gets better every year
- Flood Wall has taken edge off
- Watch river counts closely and Mr. Magaha keeps us posted

Chuck Magaha:

- When Emergency Management monitors the river, not just monitoring Leavenworth, keeps eye on rivers, waterways that run into the Missouri River.

Eric Shumate:

- Missouri River basin update, wet already, soil conditions are saturated not going to soak up much.

### **Mayor's Appointment to Sidewalk Advisory Board**

Mayor Griswold moved to re-appoint to the Sidewalk Advisory Board Brian Paxton and Steve Weissenfluh to terms ending March 15, 2023. Commissioner Preisinger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

**2020 Federal Legislative Program** – City Manager Paul Kramer presented the City's priorities for the year. The Federal Legislative Program compiles local issues with our federal partners and federal ties to the City. The issues directly impact the City's municipal operations or delivery of services. Mr. Kramer reviewed various sections of the program to include:

- Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
- Intergovernmental Services Agreements (IGSA)
  - Advocate to lengthen agreement from a 10 to 20 year agreement
- Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (SRM) Funding
- City development and activities in support of Fort Leavenworth
- New Medium Security Facility
- Renovation Funding for USP-Leavenworth
- Federal support for a Veterans Home
- Chapel of the Veterans closed due to safety concerns; City supports renovation and reopening of the unique facility
- Continuation of Safe community grants
- Support Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) request additional funding.
- Water Quality/Water Treatment

Changes that have been made from last year:

- Advocate to increase Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) funding from 50 million to 100 million dollars in FY21, use funding for:
- *Centennial Bridge* replacement of two lane structure, project cost is estimated at \$80-\$90 million, and any level of contribution from DCIP would help accelerate the project.
- *Water Line replacement* from Water Department to Fort Leavenworth project cost is estimated at \$2 million, the installation currently uses a 100-year-old emergency connection to Leavenworth Water to get all of its drinking water. The 100-year-old connection needs to be replaced as it provides the only emergency water backup for Fort Leavenworth. Utility resiliency.
- Intergovernmental Service Agreement, advocate to lengthen from 10 to 20 years.

Mayor Griswold provided a handout of his suggested changes to the descriptions listed for the three Federal Partners.

Commissioner Preisinger moved to adopt the 2020 Federal Legislative Program with Mayor Griswold's changes to the descriptions listed for the three Federal Partners. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

## **Bids, Contracts and Agreements:**

**Consider Purchase of Refuse Truck** – Public Works Director Michael McDonald presented for consideration the purchase of one 2020 Freightliner M2-106 Chassis with Cobra Magnum Pacer Body in the amount of \$194,458.31 through Sourcewell national pricing. The bids were obtained from Sourcewell utilizing a cooperative purchasing program authorized by the city’s purchasing policy.

Commissioner Preisinger moved to approve the purchase of the refuse truck for a total of \$194,458.31 through Sourcewell national pricing. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Leonhard moved to approve Claims for February 22, 2020 through March 6, 2020 in the amount of \$1,722,836.61; Net amount for Payroll #5 effective February 28, 2020, in the amount of \$350,499.22; (Includes Police & Fire Pension of \$12,131.63) . Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

## **Other:**

### **City Manager Kramer:**

- **Stubby Park Renovation** – Playground expected to be delivered on March 13, will start to install then. Sidewalks and other amenities will be taken care of also.
- **Eagles Park Batting Cages** - Graded out and formed up, Kersten Concrete II is doing concrete, the material backing is scheduled to be delivered soon.
- **Update on Youth Basketball** - 5th/6th grade boys against Lansing, went well. 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls home and away series with Independence Middle School which is home school kids in county.
- **Flood Cleanup Update** - Landing Park/Riverfront Park looks good, soot piles out.
- **Three-mile Creek Cleanup Project Update** - Start this week or next week depending on weather. The rest of the year is booked
- **Coronavirus (COVID 19) Update** - City leadership met last week at County Health Department. Jamie Miller, Leavenworth County EMS Director brought community leaders together. No magical advice, encouraged mindfulness about employees not coming to work if they are sick. What does essential staff look like?

Commissioner Preisinger requested that the opening date for Riverfront Park of April 1 be posted on the city’s website.

Commissioner Leonhard stated that there is a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2020 for the Deeper Window Association at 729 Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Bauder stated that the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade starts at noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Reminder to all that no throwing of candy from floats, okay to walk along the sides and hand out candy.

Mayor Griswold stated that he and Mr. Kramer will conduct a virtual town hall meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 10 a.m. on the city’s Facebook page.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Griswold moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Preisinger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Time Meeting Adjourned 8:31 p.m.

Minutes taken by Deputy City Clerk Cary L. Collins, CMC