

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-October 28, 2024

Members of the Governing Body of the City of Marysville were called to order in the regular session at 7:00 p.m. on the date and place noted above with Mayor Frye in the chair. City Administrator Haverkamp, City Attorney Westbrook and City Clerk Holle were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was answered by the following council members: Snellings, Ferris, Behrens, Keating, Throm, Schrater and Goracke. CM Beikman was absent. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the October 14th regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 7-0 voice vote.

The minutes from the October 21st special meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved, CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **KOESTER BLOCK LEASE WITH FDG.** Karen Hughes, Ward 2, shared her concerns with the council about the lease agreement with FDG.
2. **SUPPORT CHIEF SIMPSON.** Sarah Kessinger, Ward 2, expressed her support for Police Chief Simpson.
3. **MARYSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.** Mandy Cook, director of the Marysville Public Library, reported they had been closed to bring a new system on-line. She also described additional services Kansas residents can access through the library.
4. **PROCLAMATION KAY CLUB WEEK.** Mayor Frye read a proclamation declaring November 3-9, 2024, Marysville Kay Club Week.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **CHRISTMAS TREE REQUEST.** The Convention and Tourism Committee had requested at a previous meeting to purchase an artificial Christmas Tree for downtown. Updated information was provided after the agenda went out. Ty Warren was present to answer questions. Finding a place to plant a live tree was discussed. This will be discussed further at the next council meeting.
2. **ONEMARYSVILLE WEBSITE.** No information was presented in the agenda regarding the new website for OneMarysville. The Council discussed incorporating the city site into the OneMarysville site or needing to keep it separate. City staff would need to retain access to upload city documents and information. CM Schrater moved, CM Snellings seconded to contribute \$10,000.00 to the new OneMarysville website. CM Behrens stated bids were not gathered for this project and city policy is that anything over \$7,500.00 is supposed to go out to bid. Motion carried 6-1 with CM Behrens voting no.
3. **UPGRADING CITY WEBSITE.** No information was included in the agenda. This was discussed with the OneMarysville website request, and more research and discussions will continue.
4. **CHARLES J D KOESTER HOUSE.** The Koester House Museum Foundation submitted 8 questions for council consideration. No decisions were made. The city will have the furnace cleaned and inspected at the Koester House Museum.
5. **FOOD TRUCK REGULATIONS.** Rules and regulations for food trucks were presented to council. CM Keating moved, CM Snellings seconded to approve the regulations as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Discussions will continue on fees and fines.

6. **GRASS EXEMPTION-KWAPNIOSKI.** The Admin/Finance Committee met October 21, 2024 and recommends that Andrew Kwapnioski mow his grass to come into compliance with the current ordinance. It was also recommended that Mr. Kwapnioski notify the Fire Chief when he is going to mow so he can have a truck available. CM Snellings moved; CM Throm seconded to go with the committee's recommendation. Motion carried 6-1 with CM Goracke voting no. Discussion and research will continue on regulations for native prairies.
7. **CONDEMANCTION 904 MAY RECOMMENDATIONS.** CA Haverkamp recommended going out to bid for demolition of the condemned property at 904 May. CM Keating moved, CM Throm seconded to approve recommendation of the City Administrator to go out to bid for demolition of 904 May. Motion carried unanimously. City staff will board up the windows and doors in the meantime.
8. **ORD 1934-ANNEXING 1175 PONY EXPRESS HWY.** CM Behrens moved, CM Snellings seconded to approve annexation of 1175 Pony Express Hwy, ORD 1934. Motion carried 7-0.
9. **FDG LEASE AGREEMENT.** A lease agreement between the City and FDG for the Koester Block Commercial Properties was presented. After council discussion CM Keating moved, CM Behrens seconded to approve the lease with FDG as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **RESOLUTION 2024-24 BLIGHT DECLARATION.** A resolution for blight declaration for 901-913 Broadway was presented. CM Throm moved, CM Schrater seconded to approve Resolution 2024-24. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **WATER/SEWER RATES & STORM WATER DISCUSSION.** The water/sewer rate study recommending raising rates and implementing storm water fees were discussed at a previous Water/Sewer Committee meeting. It was discussed that we implement increases over two years and set storm water fees separately for residential and commercial accounts. CM Throm moved, CM Schrater seconded to implement water/sewer rate increases over two years and set storm water fees at \$10 for residential and \$20 for commercial/industrial accounts. Motion carried unanimously. City staff will bring back an ordinance for the council to consider.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

CONSENT AGENDA. The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 7-0. Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Request for alcohol consumption at Lee Dam Art Center November 2nd from Micheal Maschmeier for a retirement party.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3833

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$87,366.32; Water Revenue Fund, \$43,156.56; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$19,550.63; Sewer Replacement Fund, \$86,393.75; Bond & Interest Fund, \$56,080.25; Library Revolving Fund, \$7,500.49; Swimming Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$691.08; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$1,406.25; Employee Benefit Fund, \$9,801.17; Transient Guest Tax Fund, \$5,630.11; Sales Tax Improvements Fund, \$34,181.32; making a total of \$351,757.93.

2. An appropriations ordinance was introduced and considered to honor claims against the funds of the City as audited by the Finance Committee. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$351,757.93.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 7-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3833.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **RETIREMENTS.** The City had Larry Logan's retirement party on October 18th after 18 years of service. Thanks to those that attended. Ruth Maschmeier's retirement party will be on Friday November 1st at the Lee Dam Art Center from 11:30AM to 1:00PM.
2. **MAIN DISH CLOSING.** The Main Dish will be closing at the end of the year opening that commercial space in the Koester Block. The city is advertising that location for rent and already has one applicant. The Koester Block Advisory Committee will meet to review applications.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING NOV. 12TH-CDBG.** The public hearing for CDBG regarding the Koester Block commercial buildings will be at the regularly scheduled November 12th council meeting.
4. **PARKS MASTER PLAN.** The city has applied for a recreation economy grant. CA Haverkamp would like to get community involvement in a 25-year plan.
5. **KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE VISIT.** The Kansas Department of Commerce Division for Quality Places are visiting Monday December 16th. More details will be provided as they are available.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **ADMIN/FINANCE COMMITTEE.** The OneMarysville contract was discussed. OneMarysville has said they are good with the contract. Employee compensation was also discussed but needs further discussion. The committee will need to meet again to discuss compensation as well as the Youth Advisory Committee creation. This meeting will be Wednesday November 6th at 5:00PM in the city office due to court being in the meeting room.
2. **WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE.** The Water/Sewer Committee will meet Monday November 4th at 5:00PM in the meeting room at City Hall to discuss water/sewer connections.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CA Westbrook asked for an executive session. At 8:20 p.m. CM Throm moved the city council recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, discussion on specific personnel matters, not general personnel policies, exception K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1). This session will include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and the City Attorney. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 8:50 p.m. CM Snellings seconded. Motion carried 7-0. At 8:50 p.m. the council reconvened. Mayor Frye reported no binding action taken during the executive session and the regular session was continuing.

CM Keating moved, CM Goracke seconded to terminate the employment of the City Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

CM Goracke moved, CM Snellings seconded to appoint Sammy Ralph as Interim City Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

CM Keating moved, CM Schrater seconded to open a job search for the City Clerk position. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

There being no further business, at 8:51 p.m. CM Goracke moved to adjourn, CM Throm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph
Interim City Clerk