

April 4, 2022

The City Council of Scott City met in regular session on the above date at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Present were Mayor Everett Green, Council members Craig Richards, Jeff Allen, Josh Gooden, Bo Parkinson, Barb Wilkinson, Adam Winter, Armando Tarango, City Attorney Rebecca Faurot, City Administrator Brad Pendergast, and City Clerk Ruth Becker.

The Council and others recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 21, 2022 regular council meeting were presented.

Motion by Armando Tarango seconded by Barb Wilkinson to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 regular council meeting. Vote – 6-yes, 1-abstain, Bo Parkinson.

Appropriation Ordinance #991A was presented.

Motion by Barb Wilkinson seconded by Adam Winter to approve Appropriation Ordinance #991A. Vote – Unam.

Included in the packet was *Proclamation – Public Safety Communications Week*. Mayor Green welcomed dispatcher Dara White and her son who were present for the reading of the Mayor's Proclamation on behalf of all Scott City/Scott County dispatchers. Mayor Green read the proclamation for all those present.

Motion by Jeff Allen seconded by Armando Tarango to proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2022 as Public Safety Communications Week. Vote – Unam.

Provided in the packet were two proposals for a fireworks display from Wald & CO., Inc. *Proposal A*, at a cost of \$4,550, would provide the same display as 2021, whereas *Proposal B*, at a cost of \$4,200, would provide the same budget as 2021. After a brief discussion, consensus of the Council was to provide the same show as last year, if Scott County shares ½ of the cost of the display, as has been the custom for the past several years.

Motion by Armando Tarango seconded by Adam Winter to authorize the Mayor's signature on *Proposal A* from Wald & CO., at a cost of \$4,550, to provide the same display as 2021, contingent upon Scott County's agreement to share the cost of the fireworks display. Vote – Unam.

Included in the packet was an application for a Temporary Cereal Malt Beverage License from Casey Vondracek for DC Enterprises. Mr. Vondracek is planning a special event on June 4 in which he wants to have a beer garden. Council members inquired if Mr. Vondracek had passed his background check. City Clerk Ruth Becker informed the Council that this type of license requires that upon approval of the submitted City application, Mr. Vondracek will submit a separate application to the Kansas Department of Revenue, at which point the State of Kansas will conduct background checks. City Attorney Rebecca Faurot confirmed the process. Mrs. Becker noted that Mr. Vondracek had paid the \$100 fee that accompanied the initial application.

Motion by Armando Tarango seconded by Barb Wilkinson to approve Casey Vondracek's application for a Temporary Cereal Malt Beverage License for a beer garden at 318 S. Main Street

on June 4, 2022, so that he can move forward with the state application to the Department of Revenue. Vote – Unam.

Mayor Green welcomed GMS Resident Project Representative Mark Hornberger who was present to update the Council on the progress of the K-96 project and to clarify information in the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (*KPWSLF*) *Drawdown # 3* items which were included in the packet. The two pay requests included in the drawdown packet were GMS, Inc. invoice #19 in the amount of \$29,263.63 for services provided between January 29 and February 25, 2022, and Pate Construction Co., Inc. Pay App No. 2 in the amount of \$282,668.12 for services provided through March 25, 2022, bringing the total of the drawdown to \$311,931.75. Mr. Hornberger indicated that the water system improvements portion of the K-96 project is nearing completion and that Pate Construction should complete their work by the end of next week. He also mentioned that GMS continues to work with KDOT regarding the depth of asphalt needed to cover the completed water improvements in the interim between installation of the new water lines and KDOT's paving portion of the K-96 project.

GMS Engineer David Frisch was also present by Zoom to present the *Agreement for Professional Services* for the City to engage GMS engineers to perform services for a project known as *Master Drainage Plan*. Mayor Green began the discussion by notifying the Council that over the last 3 to 4 weeks he had received several phone calls from people who have concern over drainage. City Administrator Brad Pendergast also reminded the Council that they had reached a consensus at an earlier meeting to authorize GMS to begin the process of conducting this study, with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds covering the cost of the project. Initially, the cost of the drainage study was to be approximately \$185,000, but with rising costs throughout the industry, GMS needed to increase their rates by 5%, bringing the cost of the study to \$193,000. Council members asked if ARPA funds would fully cover the cost of the project. Mr. Pendergast assured the Council that ARPA funds will be available for the study. He and Mr. Frisch reminded the Council that the project would be billed in stages, allowing the cost to be shared among other ARPA projects prior to the receipt of the final tranche of ARPA funds, which is expected early this summer. Mr. Frisch also explained that the aerial photography portion of the project will likely be delayed until late fall/early winter to allow time for foliage to be lessened, lending to better views of the topography from above. David Frisch noted that the study itself will not solve any problems but will provide a great deal of insight to set priorities for drainage improvements and future expansion, and noted that this study is a good investment and will benefit the City for years to come.

Motion by Josh Gooden seconded by Jeff Allen to authorize the Mayor's signature on *Agreement for Professional Services* for GMS to conduct a *Master Drainage Plan*, using ARPA funds to cover the \$193,000 cost. Vote – Unam.

Included in the packet was *Scott City Municipal Airport Site Lease* between the City of Scott City and Ag Solutions, LLC. City Attorney Rebecca Faurot explained that this agreement is virtually identical to the Site Lease between the City and Frontier Ag, except that the requirement to purchase fuel from Scott City Municipal Airport has been removed. Instead, a clause has been added stating that Ag Solutions agrees to pay a surcharge of \$0.07/gallon for all fuel used while operating out of the leased property. City Administrator Brad Pendergast noted that EBH Engineer Darin Neufeld is in the process of working with Building Solutions for a cost estimate for the shared apron and taxiway at the site for which the City will share the cost.

Motion by Adam Winter seconded by Jeff Allen to approve the *Scott City Municipal Airport Site Lease* between the City of Scott City and Ag Solutions, LLC, as presented. Vote – Unam.

Under the open agenda, Mayor Green introduced returning Scott City resident Roy Dixon who was present in the audience.

Building Inspector Lloyd Foster was not in attendance. Nothing was reported on his behalf.

Police Chief David Post was pleased to report that Scott City was once again named as one of the *Safest Cities in Kansas* as reported by Safewise.com. Scott City is listed as the 8th safest city in Kansas, giving it the distinction of being the only city in western Kansas to make the top ten. Hugoton was the only other western Kansas city to make the top twenty, listed at number 14. Determining factors weighed during the selection process measure not only violent crimes but property crimes as well. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Scott City has made the list.

Police Chief Post commented on the volume of training his officers have been attending and their successful outcomes. Training with a high-school intern continues; the police department was able to demonstrate the process of performing a polygraph and writing a subsequent case study.

Police Chief Post reported that Scott City was selected by the FBI as a place for the agent in charge of the Kansas City office and his second in command to visit. Although they were unable to make it to Scott City, Police Chief Post considers it an honor to have been selected.

Police Chief Post reported that the police department assisted the 4-H Shooting Sports club with a “food shoot.” It was the second year to partner with them to raise food for Hope’s Closet. Kids enjoyed being able to shoot both long guns and handguns with the officers.

Parks Superintendent Terence Appel reported that two concrete slabs had been poured outside the restrooms at Patton Park.

Street, Water, and Sewer Superintendent Terence Appel reported that the street sweeper recently required two separate repairs totaling approximately \$5,000 between them.

Mr. Appel and his crew are preparing for Clean-Up week and are in the process of trying to locate enough dumpsters for disposal of residents’ items.

Included in the packet was *City of Scott City Static Water Levels* comparing January 2021 to January 2022 levels. It was noted that, for the most part, levels remain constant.

City Clerk Ruth Becker had nothing to report.

City Administrator Brad Pendergast informed the Council that the City has received several complaints about the noise level on Main Street from midnight to 6:00 a.m. with trucks being constantly required to stop and start at the flashing red lights at 9th & Main Street. He noted that he and Street Superintendent Terence Appel would like to re-program the lights to become flashing yellow lights during this time frame to eliminate the noise from the constant stopping and starting of large trucks. Mr. Appel noted that he would contact Gades for assistance with the process. Consensus of the Council was to move ahead with the change to see if it decreases the noise level from midnight to 6:00 a.m. at 9th & Main Street.

Provided in the packet, was *2022 Revenue Projections – Based off Q1 Revenue*. City Administrator Brad Pendergast stated that he is beginning the process of preparing projected budget figures for department heads to start their work on the 2023 budget. He will look at the Consumer Pricing Index (CPI) for the western region to assist in determining the probable salary line increases from 2022 to 2023. He plans to start working with department heads within the next week or two to begin working through the budget process.

City Administrator Brad Pendergast presented a request to purchase 7000 square feet of City-owned property at Lot 7, Block 6 of I. L. Eastman’s Addition on north Russell Street. Included in the packet was *Property Detail Information Report* for the requested property. The Council asked Street, Water, & Sewer Superintendent Terence Appel if he has any need for the lot in question. Mr. Appel responded that the lot is too small to do much with and he would have no objection to the lot being sold. Consensus of the Council was to request that City Administrator Brad Pendergast work with the interested party to reach an agreement for purchase to be presented at a future meeting.

City Attorney Rebecca Faurot had nothing to report.

Mayor Green had nothing further to report.

The Council took a short break.

Mayor Green called the meeting back to order.

Motion by Adam Winter seconded by Armando Tarango to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Vote – Unam.

Everett M. Green
Mayor

Ruth Becker
City Clerk