

City of Spring Hill, Kansas
Minutes of City Council Regular Session
July 23, 2020

A Regular Session of the City Council was held in the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison, Council Chambers, Spring Hill, Kansas on July 23, 2020. The meeting convened at 7:00p.m. with Mayor Ellis presiding and Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk, recording.

Councilmembers in attendance: Chris Leaton
 Steve Owen
 Tyler Graves
 Andrea Hughes via telephone

Councilmembers absent: Chad Eckert

Staff in attendance: Jim Hendershot, City Administrator
 Melanie Landis, Asst. City Administrator
 Cindy Henson, Chief of Police
 Patrick Burton, Community Development Director
 Antwone Smoot, I.T. Specialist

Consultants in attendance: Frank Jenkins, City Attorney

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Pastor Michael Brown, Spring Hill United Methodist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk called the roll of the City Council. With a quorum present, the meeting commenced.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Leaton, seconded by Owen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The following individuals made public comment:

- Tom Trost, spoke regarding the resurfacing of Webster Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Leaton, seconded by Owen to approve the consent agenda.

1. Appropriation Order No. 2020-07-09
2. Consider Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage Renewal: Casey's General Store, 607 N. Webster Street

Motion carried 5-0-0.

FORMAL COUNCIL ACTION

3. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-10 Pertaining to the Expenditure and Use of Local Alcoholic Liquor Funds

Introduced by Mayor Ellis and presented by City Attorney Frank Jenkins.

It was moved by Leaton, seconded by Owen to approve Ordinance No. 2020-10. Motion carried by roll 4-0-0 (Hughes-yea, Leaton-yea, Owen-yea, Graves-yea).

4. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-11 Prohibiting the Unlawful Discharge of Firearms and Unlawful Hunting Within the City

Introduced by Mayor Ellis and presented by City Attorney Frank Jenkins.

It was moved by Leaton, seconded by Owen to approve Ordinance No. 2020-11. Motion carried by roll 4-0-0 (Leaton-yea, Owen-yea, Graves-yea, Hughes-yea).

DISCUSSION

5. Petition to Allow Chickens Within City Limits

Introduced by Mayor Ellis and presented by resident Jacob Tysver.

For the record, Mr. Tysver read aloud the following petition requesting to allow chickens in Spring Hill:

I think a little town made up of mostly farms should be allowed to have chickens. We are a population of 7869 and are hardly as big as some other towns that allow these things. I understand no roosters, or a trashy looking coop and I understand people not being able to have a million chickens. How much harm could some chickens do? I know several people in this town loathe this rule. I have a suggestion for a rule. You should have to ask all of your direct neighbors if they would mind and then you can have them. I can prove that people agree with this petition.

Resident Debbie Trenary, spoke regarding to allow ducks within Spring Hill.

Following Council discussion, **Mayor Ellis requested that a representative from the Police and Community Development Department work with this group to prepare an ordinance for submission to the Planning Commission and then to City Council.**

6. Spending Plan for Projected Revenue Adjustment Due to COVID19 Impact

Introduced by Mayor Ellis and presented by City Administrator Melanie Landis.

Following Council discussion, **Mayor Ellis requested that an update of the spending plan be presented at the second meeting of each month.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Announcements and reports were given by the Governing Body and staff.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Leaton, seconded by Owen, to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

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Glenda Gerrity, City Clerk

Approved by the Governing Body on August 27, 2020.