

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-April 22, 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 Attorney Westbrook, City Administrator Haverkamp 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, Beikman, Schrater, Throm and Goracke. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the April 8th regular meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 8-0 voice vote.

The minutes from the April 17th special meeting were presented for approval. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by 8-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1. CONVENTION & TOURISM REPORT.** Wayne Kruse director of Convention & Tourism gave a monthly report about the events around town. Marysville won 2nd place in the “Best Small Town” competition.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. DEVELOPER OF DESTINY CDBG PROPOSAL.** Deanna Ebert Pierson from Developer of Destiny asked to be removed from the agenda. No presentation was given.
- 2. KOESTER MUSEUM.** Sharon Kessinger, Treasurer of the Koester Museum Foundation asked the Council about the plans to sell or lease the commercial buildings on the Koester Block. Sharon said the foundation would need some time to arrange the paperwork if they were to become owners of the museum. The foundation has plans to finish the brick work on the sidewalk on the south side of the Koester Museum. Grimms Gardens will be using the city bricks stored at the dump to complete the walkway. The foundation would also like to complete repairing the porch rail on the upper level of the museum but would not have funds to pay for a curator. CM Snellings moved, CM Goracke seconded to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Transient Guest Tax Fund to cover wages of the curator until the next council meeting. Motion carried 7-1 with CM Behrens voting no. The Koester Block Maintenance Fund has been zeroed out and the insurance payment left a deficit of more than \$18,000.00. The Council set an Admin/Finance meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the curator wages and how to pay for the ongoing monthly expenses for the museum and the block.
- 3. CHAMBER MAIN STREET REQUEST-MOTHER’S DAY MARKET.** Allie Argo Chamber Main Street Events Coordinator requested barricades for the City Park at 4:00 p.m. Friday, May 10th to set up for the Mother’s Day Market. There will be a no camping in the park from Thursday, May 9th through Sunday, May 12th. They requested the use of gators and golf carts during the event on May 11th and 12th. Chamber Main Street is asking for the City to supply more trash cans in the park, and they would like the City employees to stock and clean the park restroom both days during the event. CM Beikman moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the requests. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. CHAMBER MAIN STREET REQUEST-BIG BLUE RIVER DAYS.** Allie Argo Chamber Main Street Events Coordinator said Big Blue River Days with the car show and barbeque competition will be May 31st and June 1st. They would like to have the City block the Helvering parking lot and the City parking lot south of the Helvering lot from Thursday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m.

until Sunday, June 2nd at noon. They would like to block Broadway and 7th Street at the Pony Plaza on Friday and Saturday night for dancing and a band, Chamber Main Street would like to close Broadway from 5th to 10th and 9th Street, 8th Street, and 6th Street from Broadway to Elm for activities on Saturday. Within the barricaded area they would like alcohol consumption to be allowed with cereal malt beverages sold at a bin placed at the beginning of the 7th Street corridor on Friday and Saturday. There will be a parade at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at which time no alcohol can be sold or consumed when the barricades are removed. CM Throm moved; CM Snellings seconded to approve Big Blue River Days requests for May 31st through June 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **RESOLUTION 2024-02 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON BROADWAY.** Resolution 2024-02 was presented. “A *RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY EXEMPTING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, KANSAS FROM THE PROHIBITIONS ON THE DRINKING OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND/OR CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE, KANSAS.* This resolution is necessary for the Big Blue River Days event May 31st and June 1st. CM Throm moved; CM Beikman seconded to approve Resolution No. 2024-02. There will be no alcohol sales or consumption June 1st at 4:00 p.m. during the parade Motion carried 8-0.
6. **LIBRARY MURAL.** Mandy Cook, director of the Marysville Public Library asked the Council to approve the mural which has begun to be painted on the west side of the building. The mural will be paid for with grant funds. The library building is owned and maintained by the City of Marysville. After Council discussion about the difficulty removing the paint and the potential damage removal can cause, CM Goracke moved, CM Schrater seconded to allow a mural to be painted on the outside of the library building. Motion carried 7-1 with CM Behrens voting no. Mandy also updated the Council on the summer programs at the library.
7. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 408 S 5TH STREET.** An Economic Development application was presented for Ron Schwindamann at 408 S 5th Street. He is in a qualified subdivision. He will build a new house and will tear down the blighted house which qualifies him for \$5,000.00 toward the removal, the building permit and sewer tap. CM Beikman moved; CM Throm seconded to approve the Economic Development for Ron Schwindamann at 408 S 5th Street for up to \$5,000.00. Motion carried 8-0.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

CONSENT AGENDA.

The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. CM Throm moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 8-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

1. Convention & Tourism funding request: Television ad for upcoming events, \$1,500.00; Ad on Gravel Dash website and funds to send members to Emporia to bike expo, \$1,000.00; Grant for advertising of Big Blue River Days, \$1,600.00.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3821

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$213,139.96; Water Revenue Fund, \$77,716.30; Sewage Revenue Fund, \$61,770.47; Bond & Interest, \$56,080.25; Library Revolving Fund, \$11,876.62; Swimming Pool Sales Tax,

\$13,904.69; Koester Block Maintenance, \$19,902.60; Employee Benefit, \$34,557.54; Transient Guest Tax, \$4,501.86; Sales Tax Improvements, \$34,216.82; making a total of \$527,667.11.

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 Beikman seconded to approve the appropriations ordinance totaling \$527,667.11.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 8-0 roll call vote. City Clerk Holle assigned Ordinance No. 3821.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **LAGOON PROJECT.** CA Haverkamp reported KDHE will be in Marysville Wednesday, April 24th to check the progress of the lagoon project.
2. **LEVEE INSPECTION.** CA Haverkamp and city staff toured the levee system with representatives from the Corp of Engineers. The Corp representatives said the City should not allow any structures in the dog park area and limit the obstacles placed in the area. They also suggested the trees be removed. The Corp representatives were also concerned about the ruts that have been caused by driving on the levee. Placing cameras in the area was suggested by Council.
3. **MANHOLE PROJECT.** The sewer main was videoed at the 7th Street intersection on Highway 36. The change order that was approved at the special meeting has become necessary as the video showed the line to the west sagging and would need to be replaced.
4. **PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK.** May 6th through May 10th is Public Service Week. Please thank a public servant.
5. **RFP MEETING.** The Council set Monday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the RFPs on the Koester Block.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREET: CM Throm reported the Street Committee met to discuss dust control on the gravel roads around the City. The Committee's recommendation is the City will prepare the road but will not fund the application of dust control. There was some concern about the liability for damage to vehicles if the product applied to the road was corrosive to the vehicles. Citizens can pay to have dust control applied to their road.

APPOINTMENTS:

CITY ATTORNEY: CA Westbrook said he researched changing the responsibility of firing department heads to the Council. It is his opinion that could open up each individual council person to a lawsuit as they would then be personally liable. If the policy is changed all hiring and firing would need to be done by the Council. CA Westbrook recommended the city leave the policy as is with the responsibility with the city administrator.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1. STREETLIGHTS AT HARTLEY RIDGE.** CM Beikman asked how and when the Hartley Ridge Development would get streetlights. CC Holle said it would take a resolution and she would check with Evergy about the cost.
- 2. BLUE RIVER RAIL TRAIL.** Mayor Frye said he is on the board of the Blue River Rail Trail. The group would like to name the 7th Street corridor and sidewalk in the City Park. Because the sidewalk and corridor follow old railroad tracks, they would like to name the sidewalk the Blue River Rail Trail to connect it with the Blue River Rail Trail located on the old rail bed that starts at the north city limits going north to the state line.

There being no further business, at 8:15 p.m. CM Goracke moved to adjourn, CM Throm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cindy Holle
City Clerk