

Regular Meeting
City Hall, Marysville, Kansas-February 10, 2025

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 Luke Sunderland, and Interim City Clerk Ralph were also present.

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

The minutes from the January 27 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **WATER/SEWER CONNECTIONS.** Matt Seagren, 1201 Alston, Ward 2, asked the council to reconsider requiring separate water/sewer connections for a second building on one lot. Council consensus was to discuss this at the next Water/Sewer Committee meeting.

BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **ONEMARYSVILLE REPORT.** OneMarysville Director, Wayne Kruse, reported he had attended the Iowa Bike Expo and gained valuable information on tourism in Marysville.
2. **SPREAKER JEFF SIEGLER REQUEST.** Wayne Kruse, OneMarysville Director, requested a \$250 contribution to bring Jeff Siegler of Revitalize or Die to speak in Marysville on February 22. This would be open to the public. After council discussion Beikman moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the \$250 contribution. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTION.** OneMarysville Director, Wayne Kruse, asked the council if they planned to contribute to the cost of the 4th of July Fireworks this year. Council consensus was to contribute to the fireworks.
4. **RENTAL AGREEMENT ONEMARYSVILLE.** Wayne Kruse, OneMarysville Director, asked the council to consider a formal rental agreement with OneMarysville for the building at 617 Broadway. Council consensus was to have the Admin/Finance Committee discuss this.
5. **NEPTUNE WATER METER QUOTE.** The 2025 Neptune water meter replacement quote was presented. Water Supervisor Kent Bargman requested ordering 180 5/8" meters for \$295 each and 80 ¾" meters for \$345 each for a total of \$80,700. CM Behrens moved; CM Schrater seconded to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

CM Keating exited the council chambers at 7:21 p.m.

6. **BIDS FOR MOWING LEVEE.** Two bids were received for mowing the levee: Reggie Craig of ROC Landscaping for \$9,711 and Kendall Peeks for \$8,700. CM Beikman moved to accept the low bid from Kendall Peeks for \$8,700; CM Throm seconded. Motion carried with a 7-0 voice vote.
7. **BIDS FOR THE FARM GROUND AT THE AIRPORT.** Three bids were received for renting the crop ground at the airport: Matt Fincham for \$170/acre, Robert Peeks for \$110/acre, and Joseph Wetter for \$160/acre. CM Beikman moved to accept the high bid from Matt Fincham for \$170/acre; CM Goracke seconded. Motion carried with a 7-0 voice vote.
8. **BIDS FOR THE HAY GROUND AT THE AIRPORT.** CA Haverkamp reported only one bid was received for the hay ground at the airport. It was advertised as usual, and the previous bid winner was contacted. CM Throm moved to accept the single bid of \$45/acre from Don Ballman; CM Schrater seconded. Motion carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

- 9. SNOWPLOW DUMP TRUCK REPAIR BIDS.** Three bids to rebuild the engine on one of the Street Department's snowplow dump trucks were presented. After council discussion CM Behrens moved; CM Beikman seconded to accept the bid from the local contractor, Truck Repair Plus. Motion carried with a 7-0 voice vote.

NOTICES AND HEARINGS:

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

1. The City Clerk's Report for January showed \$58,629.13 collected in receipts with a like amount being deposited with the City Treasurer.
2. Cash balances in funds were presented as well as outstanding debt and receivable balances. Revenue/Expenditure Budget Reports through January 2025 showed unadjusted accumulated revenues in the General Fund of \$1,058,916 or 31% of budget; Water Revenue Fund, \$38,656 or 3% of budget, Sewer Revenue Fund, \$36,832 or 3% of budget. The unadjusted statement of expenditures in the General Fund totaled \$273,948 or 8% of budget, Water Revenue Fund, \$52,145 or 4% of budget, and Sewer Revenue Fund, \$162,418 or 12% of budget.
3. The Municipal Judge's Report for January showed \$5,308 being deposited with the City Treasurer and \$404 being forwarded to the State Treasurer for Judicial Branch Education, court costs and law enforcement training.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3841

1. Claims against the funds of the City were submitted for Council consideration as follows: General Fund, \$161,119.96; Water Revenue Fund, \$15,268.10; Sewer Revenue, \$10,084.46; Bond & Interest #1A Fund, \$16,234.23; Library Revolving Fund, \$7,822.91; Swim Pool Sales Tax Fund, \$75,677.10; Koester Block Maintenance Fund, \$1,036.17; Employee Benefit Fund, \$9,473.00; Transient Guest Tax, \$20,953.65; Sales Tax Improvement Fund, \$54.00 making a total of \$317,723.58.
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 \$317,723.58.
3. Motion to approve the appropriations ordinance carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Interim City Clerk Ralph assigned Ordinance No. 3841.

CM Keating entered the council chambers at 7:29 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. **UPCOMING SNOW.** CA Haverkamp asked that residents park cars off of the street, if possible, to help city crews more efficiently clear the streets with the upcoming snow forecast. He also reminded residents sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours of the snowstorm ceasing.

2. **KOESTER BLOCK COMMERCIAL BUILDING PROJECT.** CA Haverkamp reported he continues to work with Tyler Holliman of Frontier Development Group as well as Gilmore Bell on the Koester block commercial building project.
3. **SWIM POOL UPDATE.** CA Haverkamp reported he had spoken with Courtney Porter, 2024 pool manager, and she has agreed to come back for the 2025 season. Advertising for 2025 pool staff will begin. Staff have begun preparing the pool. The pump checked out ok so the next thing to check is the sand filter. Energy Center Manhattan will be contacted to check the filter. A contractor has also been contacted to clean the stainless steel and slides. Pool Manager Porter and assistant managers are planning to get certified to teach swimming lessons.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **BUDGET WORKSHOP.** A budget workshop was held on February 5th. CA Haverkamp will continue to work on the 2026 budget.
2. **ADMIN/FINANCE COMMITTEE.** The Admin/Finance committee met to conduct city clerk interviews and discuss drafting an ordinance to allow backyard chickens. CM Behrens reported the committee's recommendation was to offer ICC Ralph the city clerk position.
3. **UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** The Water/Sewer Committee will meet Thursday February 13 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss water/sewer connections, the Keystone waterline project, and payment plans for residents affected by the new, higher water/sewer rates. The Admin/Finance Committee will meet Tuesday February 18th at 5:15 p.m. to discuss KPERS 457, the city administrator's spending limit, review the new draft of the charter ordinance, review a draft of the animal ordinance, and the possible rental agreement with OneMarysville.

APPOINTMENTS & WAGE DETERMINATION:

1. **CITY CLERK.** Mayor Frye appointed Interim City Clerk Samantha Ralph as City Clerk with a wage determination of \$33/hour. CM Behrens moved: CM Snellings seconded to approve the mayor's appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY:

1. CA Sunderland reported he has been working on a street dedication, quiet title for an impounded vehicle, and a new draft of the charter ordinance on mayoral appointments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: CA Sunderland asked for an executive session to discuss possible litigation. At 7:44 p.m. CM Schrater moved the city council recess into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship about litigation or claims against the city to K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2). This meeting will include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, and City Inspector. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 8:05 p.m. CM Goracke seconded. Motion carried 8-0. At 8:05 p.m. the council reconvened. Mayor Frye reported no binding decisions were made during the executive session, and the regular meeting was continuing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. **CONCERNED CITIZENS.** CM Ferris reported there is now a concerned citizens website.
2. **4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS.** CM Keating reported he has been talking with a local person about the possibility of them doing the 4th of July Fireworks under the city's umbrella.
3. **UPDATE TABLED ITEMS.** CM Beikman asked if the tabled items list could be updated. Council consensus was to remove moving the meeting time. Several items are currently being worked on, and staff and committees will continue to work on others. The odd/even parking for snow removal will be added to the list.

4. **PURPLE STREET LIGHTS.** CM Throm reported he had noticed a lot of purple streetlights and wondered if Evergy was going to change them.
5. **LIGHTS ON BROADWAY.** CM Schrater reported there were several streetlights on Broadway that are out.
6. **TWELFTH ROAD BIDS.** CM Schrater asked for an update on fixing Twelfth Road. CA Haverkamp is preparing bid documents.
7. **CLEAN WATER TOWERS.** CM Keating asked when the water tank by Tension Envelope would be cleaned and painted. CA Haverkamp reported it is scheduled to be done this year.
8. **UPCOMING SNOW.** CM Schrater asked that everyone be nice to the city crews with the upcoming snow forecast as they work long hours to clear our streets.
9. **PARKING OFF STREET.** CM Keating said anytime you can park off the streets it is greatly appreciated.
10. **STAY SAFE.** CM Goracke reminded everyone to stay safe with the upcoming weather event.
11. **WATER TESTING.** Mayor Frye asked what our water testing program was. CA Haverkamp reported certain tests are mandated by the state and for a full report he should ask Water Supervisor Kent Bargman.
12. **PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR WATER BILLS.** Mayor Frye asked the Water/Sewer committee to discuss a way to help those that are adversely affected by the new Water/Sewer rates.
13. **NO COMMENTS ON FACEBOOK POSTS.** Mayor Frye reported he has had several inquiries about why the city does not allow comments on all Facebook posts. Comments cannot be censored due to freedom of speech. CM Schrater said these are informational posts and there are other avenues citizens can use to interact with council and staff. He questioned if allowing comments would help anything or do any good. The messages are for information, not for creating discussion. CM Behrens thought it would cause more problems if commenting were allowed. Mayor Frye just wanted this to be discussed and asked that we be consistent.

There being no further business, at 8:31 p.m. CM Beikman moved to adjourn, CM Keating seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Samantha J. Ralph
Interim City Clerk