

**CITY OF CHERRYVALE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4TH, 2014
7:00 PM**

Working for a better tomorrow... today.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor John Wright, Council President Chad Wickham, Council Member Lew Forman, Council Member Randy Wagoner, City Administrator Travis Goedken, City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator Chris Weiner, Public Works Director Wade Webber, Deputy Public Works Director Melvin Beye, Fire/EMS Chief Jesse Reed, Deputy Police Chief Jimmy Holt, Firefighter/EMT Aaron Cook, Volunteer Firefighter Hilary Cook, Firefighter/EMT Trent King, Firefighter/EMT Andrew Smedley, Library Director April Reed, Andy Taylor (Montgomery County Chronicle), Donna Celaya (Montgomery County Chronicle), Greg Lower (Independence Reporter), Allen Smith (Independence Reporter), Tina Cunningham, Jim Hogben, Shirley Hogben, Glen Driskel, Sharon Driskel, Brent Van Royen, Stan Karstetter, Phillip Reilly, Josh Cavaness, Jerry Wallace, Andy Taylor, David Hammond, Syvilia Shaffer, Michael Cavaness, Selena Cavaness, Mandy Lance, and Don Bledsoe

INVOCATION

Council Member Wagoner led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present participated

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Chris Weiner took roll:

Mayor Wright – present; Council President Wickham – present; Council Member Forman – present; Council Member Wagoner – present; Council Member Crain – absent.

A quorum was present.

2015 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Glen Driskel: 721 E. 5th – Against a property tax increase.

Brent Van Royen: 814 E. 3rd – Against a property tax increase.

Stan Karstetter: 808 E. 3rd - Against a property tax increase.

Phillip Reilly: 1217 E. 5th – Against a property tax increase, would prefer a sales tax increase if needed.

Tina Cunningham: 725 E. 3rd – Would like to see the total tax dollars levied be lower than the proposed.

Shirley Hogben: 420 N. Depot Suite A. – Is in favor of increasing taxes to maintain the current level of services; wants us to have a more pro-growth mindset.

Josh Cavaness: 123 S. Olive – Wants to know what the priorities of the city are, doesn't think the city has been prioritizing use of its funds.

Jerry Wallace: 708 W. Main – Is in favor of raising taxes to correct the city's financial situation.

Andy Taylor: 115 N. Labette – Doesn't want to see a decrease in services; is extremely grateful for the EMS service, but the proposed increase is scary.

David Hammond: 200 S. Olive – Is against the property tax increase, it will greatly affect him.

Syylia Shaffer: 536 W. Main - Is against raising taxes this much, would like to see the city cut the taxes needed by not giving raises or across the board cost of living raises.

Michael Cavaness: 916 W. 4th – Is against raising property taxes, doesn't think emergency personnel should have their jobs in jeopardy.

Selena Cavaness: 916 W. 4th – Is against raising property taxes, thinks she may have to move if the taxes are increased.

Mandy Lance: 115 S. Olive - Wants the city to look at bringing people into the community not forcing them to leave or sell their property by running them out of town with higher taxes.

Council President Wickham motioned to close the public budget hearing, Council Member Wagoner seconded.

All votes aye.

Mayor Wright wished Marsha Maher a happy 100th birthday.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ADOPTION OF 2015 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHERRYVALE

Presented by Travis Goedken, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the budget as presented.

Presented by City Administrator Travis Goedken.

Council Member Wagoner motioned to adopt the budget with a 50.000 mill maximum, Council Member Forman seconded.

City Clerk Chris Weiner conducted the roll call vote:

Council Member Forman – aye; Council Member Wagoner – aye; Council President Wickham – aye.

All votes aye.

B. RESIGNATION OF TIANA MCELROY AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Presented by Travis Goedken, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the resignation of Tiana McElroy.

Presented by City Administrator Travis Goedken

Council President Wickham motioned to accept the recognition of Tiana McElroy as Municipal Judge, Council Member Forman seconded.

All votes aye.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Presented by John Wright, Mayor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Appropriations Ord. No. 14-0801 \$102,017.64
 - a. Approval of Purchases over \$5,000
 - i. Blue Cross-Blue Shield \$9,205.43
 - ii. Home & Business Communications \$7,650.00
 - iii. Public Wholesale Water \$24,333.33
 2. Consideration of the minutes for July 21st, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Presented by Mayor Wright

Council President Wickham motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, Council Member Wagoner seconded.

All votes aye.

OLD BUSINESS

A. KANSAS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Presented by Travis Goedken, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Decline the offer to lease billboard space on Hwy 169.

Council President Wickham motioned to decline the offer to lease billboard space on Highway 169, Council Member Wagoner seconded.

All votes aye.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Department Monthly Reports
 - a. Police
Presented by Deputy Police Chief Jimmy Holt

- b. Fire
Presented by Fire/EMS Chief Jesse Reed
 - c. Public Works
Presented by Deputy Public Works Director Melvin Beye
 - d. City Clerk
Presented by City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator Chris Weiner
 - e. City Administration
Presented by City Administrator Travis Goedken
2. Community Center Update
Presented by City Administrator Travis Goedken

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To Discuss Matters of Non-Elected Personnel

Council Member Wagoner motioned to enter into executive session at 8:28 P.M. with City Council and Mayor Wright and with City Administrator on call for 32 minutes until 9:00 P.M., Council Member Forman seconded.

All votes aye.

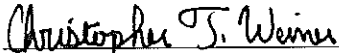
Mayor Wright declared the meeting back in regular session at 9:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Wickham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M., Council Member Forman seconded.

All votes aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher T. Weiner, City Clerk