



**Governing Body, City of Garden Plain**  
**City Building, 507 N. Main St.**  
**July 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm**

**1. Call to Order by Mayor Larry Lampe: (6:00)**

Mayor Larry Lampe called the July 1, 2015 City Council meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Council members present were Paul McPhillips Sr., Kevin Hammond, Joe Fisher and Jenny Zoglman. Absent was Bobby Thompson. Also present were City Attorney Shawn Elliott, City Treasurer Darren Haukap, Police Chief Robert Sharp, Maintenance Staff Art Wolfe and Dwight Mollenkamp, Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter, Travis Mounts (Times Sentinel) and City Clerk Ronda Mollenkamp.

**2. Consent Agenda:**

**a. Approval of June 3, 2015 Minutes:**

*Paul McPhillips Sr. made a motion to approve the June 3, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Hammond. Vote: 4-0 motion carries.*

**b. Approval of June 2015 Bills (checks to include: 33614 - 33697)**

*Kevin Hammond made a motion to approve the June 2015 bills including checks 33614 – 33697, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Fisher. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

**c. Approval of July 1, 2015 Agenda:**

*Kevin Hammond made a motion to approve the July 1, 2015 agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny Zoglman. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

**3. Citizens Comments:**

Sedgwick County Sheriff Jeff Easter addressed the concerns the council had with Sedgwick County officers traveling through town at a high rate of speed. Sheriff Easter explained the department's policy on chases and/or emergency calls that require a higher rate of speed or red lights and siren. Easter reported of changes of policy and he and his department will continue to make sure the new policies are followed. He invited the council to please call his office whenever they see someone going through town too fast so the department can look into the situation and resolve any issues at that time.

**4. New Business:**

**a. Health Insurance:**

Paul McPhillips Sr. wants to have three bids of health insurance. City Clerk Ronda Mollenkamp explained that renewal is not until December and it was on her calendar to start gathering quotes in September to start discussion at the October meeting....getting bids now would not mean anything as the numbers would change and not be an accurate. Paul would like to see age based premiums instead of average age based group. Ronda explained that while trying to save the younger employee rates by changing policies there is the chance in actuality his rate may be increased due to the fact that tobacco users no matter what age would be about 40% higher as a non tobacco user of the same age. We will look into getting more quotes as the time gets nearer to have accurate rates for council to make a decision on insurance policies.

**5. Old Business:**

**a. Update on the Sewer Project:**

Art Wolfe explained the email that Rod Geisler from KDHE sent explaining the costs of the repairs that Rod had responded to with email. Art explained that Rod is considering some of the other repairs and payment reimbursement, he hopes to have those finalized by the August meeting. Art also reported that Jerry Grant (KDHE) had been to the plant earlier today to review some of the plant improvements and to report recommendations back to Rod Geisler.

**b. Consider Adopting Charter Ordinance 18: Establishing Quorum:**

*Paul McPhillips Sr. made a motion to adopt Charter Ordinance 18 establishing a Quorum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Hammond. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

McPhillips Sr. Yea Fisher: Yea Hammond: Yea Zoglman: Yea

**c. Consider Adopting Ordinance 660: Establishing New Court Date:**

*Paul McPhillips Sr. made a motion to adopt Ordinance 660 establishing a new court date to be on the third Tuesday of the month instead of the first, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Hammond.*

*Vote: 4/0 Motion carries.*

McPhillips Sr. Yea Fisher: Yea Hammond: Yea Zoglman: Yea

**6. Executive Session: (6:43 – 7:08)**

**a. Attorney/Client Meeting:** (15 minutes) City Attorney requested 15 minutes.

**b. Personnel Issues:** (10 minutes) Paul McPhillips Sr. requested 10 minutes.

*Kevin Hammond made a motion to enter executive session for a total of 25 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny Zoglman. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

*Council returned with no binding action taken.*

**7. Pardon City Attorney: (7:16)**

**8. Planning Commission Update:**

No May meeting so no Planning Commission update.

**9. Police and Personnel:**

Police Chief Robert Sharp reminded the council that he will be having surgery next Tuesday and will be off for approximately 4 weeks. He reported that he only has 48 hours of vacation and requested the council to continue to pay his normal wages during his recovery time.

City Clerk Ronda Mollenkamp reported the City's Personnel policies and guideline manual does not address sick time off for salary personnel, but the hand book does not address policy for a salaried employee.

*Paul McPhillips Sr. made a motion to pay Chiefs regular wages while on recovery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Fisher. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

*Joe Fisher made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Dal Astle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny Zoglman. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

*Paul McPhillips Sr. made a motion to approve repairs and recovering of the 2008 police car front seats- both the driver's side and the passenger seat not to exceed \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Hammond. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

Discussion ensued about the plan for looking for a new officer. Sharp reported that he would be putting the request out on HRPartners, he would like to find a certified officer. Council also

approved extra hours for officer Bosley as needed while Chief is on leave.

**10. Treasurer Report:**

City Treasurer Darren Haukap just reminded the council of the upcoming budget workshop next Wednesday July 8, 2015 at 6:00p.m.

**11. Department Reports:**

**a. Mayor:**

Mayor reported how nice the streets of Mary and Able were since being worked on.

**b. Parks:**

Kevin Hammond just commented to the maintenance staff that the park was looking good for the 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked them.

**c. Streets:**

Jenny Zoglman expressed some concerns over some pot holes that are surfacing...maintenance staff assured her that they were working on filling some of those holes. Zoglman also asked about the orange mesh on the sidewalk on C Ave where they worked on the “bridge sidewalk” – Art explained that was still there because they have not had time to build the handrails but they would be working on that soon.

**d. Gas:**

Nothing to report.

**e. Water:**

Art explained about the boring and installation of a water line out by the wells to Will Vernon’s residence. Art also reported that the water line between Cheney and Garden Plain has begun.

**f. Sewer:**

Nothing to report.

**12. Governmental Remarks:**

Paul McPhillips Sr. reported he had riders coming out for the parade on 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**13. Adjournment: (7:37)**

*Kevin Hammond made a motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting of July 1, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jenny Zoglman. Vote: 4/0 motion carries.*

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Mayor Larry Lampe

**ATTEST:**

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Ronda Mollenkamp; City Clerk

