

**Greensburg City Council  
March 18, 2024  
City Hall**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matt Christenson called the March 18, 2024, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. No invocation was given.

**C. ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Council Present: Mark Trummel, Wayne Keeton, Haley Kern, and Nathan Charlton. Pam Reves was absent. City Administrator Stacy Barnes and City Clerk Christy Gibson were present.

Charlton motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Trummel seconded. The motion was passed 4-0.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

Kern motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Charlton seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

**F. APPOINTMENT: Greensburg Tourism Board**

There is an unexpired term vacancy on the Greensburg Tourism Board that ends December 31, 2026. Kern motioned to appoint the Tourism Board's recommendation of Leslie Land to the board. Charlton seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

**G. ITEMS OF BUSINESS****1. Consideration of Ballfield Maintenance Agreement with Greensburg Recreation**

Barnes has been working with Sami Jantz and the Recreation Commission on a Ballfield Maintenance Agreement. For clarity, the document puts in writing what has been happening in years past as far as who is responsible for various maintenance activities. Discussion regarding a new building at the fields is ongoing. City Attorney Clayton Kerbs has reviewed the agreement. Jeanine Hassiepen, People's Insurance, is also double-checking the City's policy to ensure the facilities are properly covered. Kern motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Trummel seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

**2. Water Treatment Plant Media Replacement Quote**

Administration and the Council have discussed and budgeted for the replacement of nitrate removal media at the Water Treatment Plant over the last several years. The media used has a 10-15-year life-span. The current media has reached the end of its effective lifespan. Layne Christensen has provided a quote for media replacement. Layne Christenson is the company that does this type of work and who we got the treatment plant through. Barnes proposed funding the expense through the following: Water Fund \$50,000; Water Reserve Fund \$20,000; Capital Improvement Fund \$22,096.

Christenson asked for clarification on the amount of funds budgeted annually to replenish the Water Reserve Fund. Barnes advised that \$35,000 was budgeted in 2024. Trummel asked if this stays the same amount every year. Barnes stated that the transfers were increased from \$15,000 in the 2024 budget, with the knowledge that the media would need replacing and that the interior of the water tower will soon need to be re-painted. The estimated cost of replacement was \$50,000 4-5 years ago. The cost to remove, replace, and dispose of current media has gone up significantly. Barnes also confirmed that the new media will have the same life-span and will remain a regular maintenance item.

Trummel motioned to accept the Layne Christensen quote for \$92,096 and to expense the item from funds as proposed. Kern seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

**H. CITY STAFF REPORTS**

Barnes reported to Council on the following topics:

- **Fast-Charging EV Stations:** KDOT, through the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, has announced a second round of funding opportunities for fast-charging EV stations. Greensburg/Mullinville (US 400 MM 155-157, US 54/400 MM 99-109) has been identified as one of 16 areas of priority for this development. Last week Barnes submitted a project interest form for a location in Greensburg. KDOT will issue an RFP for locations once they see what the interest is. Christensen and Barnes have also had a virtual meeting with the KSU Engineering Professors who previously did the solar survey in town. They have reached out to NREL and KDOT on the City's behalf regarding the charging stations, and also the possibility for solar/battery storage to run the chargers rather than them being on the grid. As far as the KDOT program, the City would have to partner with a local entity/business in order to fulfill the required minimum of 16 hours per day foodservice and 24/7 restrooms at the location of these charging stations. She has relayed to KDOT that they will be hard pressed to find facilities in these rural areas that are 24/7. They responded that they want to hear that feedback because they are learning as they go with these programs. At this point there is no commitment on the City's part. What has been submitted is simply a letter of interest. If chosen, the City would then be allowed to submit a proposal.
- **Arbor Day:** Barnes has scheduled a meeting with the Tree Board for annual Arbor Day tree planting and other tree related projects. Council was asked to Save The Date for Arbor Day on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. At the first of the year, Barnes submitted the City's annual Tree City USA application and was notified it was approved for 2023 activities.
- **Pool Season:** Staff has begun advertised for summer pool staff and have received a few applications.
- **Sewer:** Last week, several trees at the sewer lagoons that were previously identified for removal during a previous KDHE inspection.
- **Lead Service Line Inventory:** PEC has gotten back with Staff regarding progress on the Lead Service Line Inventory. They have compiled the results of the first survey that went out and put together a list of accounts that we did not receive a response from. The City will be sending out a second attempt survey to that list in the near future. PEC also sent a field investigation map for a few areas and asked Staff to see what types of lines are present coming into and exiting the meter.
- **Public Meeting Invite:** Included with Barnes' typed report was an invitation to a public meeting of Groundwater Management District 5, of which the City is a part of. That meeting is Wednesday, April 3, 1-3 p.m., at the Twilight Theatre.
- **Reminder:** Included with Barnes' report was an invitation to the Kiowa County United annual meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Trummel asked Barnes how the charging stations in the KDOT program compare to those currently located at the Big Well. She stated that they are much faster. He then asked what would happen to those units if the City was selected for the program. Barnes stated that the Big Well units were provided by Tesla free of charge and can remain in operation. Should the City not want those standard units anymore, Staff could reach out to Tesla to see if they would want them returned and what that would look like. The only costs to the City is the monthly electricity used, which is paid for out of the Tourism Fund. Christenson stated the proposed units and those the City currently has would be comparing apples to oranges and spoke of the charging capacity of each. The current chargers require hours to complete a full charge versus less than an hour to charge with the fast-chargers. If all 4 of the KDOT required minimum chargers were used at the same time it would increase the City's base load by 25%. Increasing the peak load by that amount could impact the City's monthly KPP bill. This is why Staff has communicated with KPP and has been examining the potential of solar/battery storage, to prevent the extra usage and cost. According to KPP there is not much of a concern. Barnes has had a conversation with another potential partner that is in the EV charging business. The build, own, run, and maintain these types of chargers. In the end, Barnes said the city would not own these chargers. The City is really just trying to put partners together and see if there is an opportunity for the community. Typically the owners are entities such as truck stops. Trummel asked if users would pay for the electricity or if it was free. Staff explained that the units would have a card swipe similar to a fuel pump. Christenson noted that if infrastructure was built for these type of units, the owner could potentially be a large utility customer for the City.

Charlton asked how much of the City's infrastructure would have to change to accommodate the units. Barnes stated that the City has the capacity for the project. The need for additional infrastructure would depend on where

the project is located and would be fairly minimal. The main effect would be the peak load. Christenson mentioned that a new transformer would probably be needed at the location. Trummel asked about the payback on the new transformer. Christenson noted that would depend entirely on the usage, but with the City being the utility provider, if an entity were to build, the City would not have a choice but to build out the infrastructure. Barnes stated that it is an opportunity to explore and see what happens.

**I. GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**


There were no additional comments from the Governing Body.

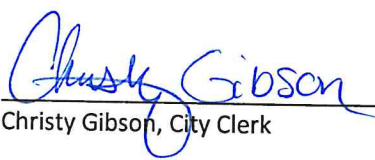
**J. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. (5 minutes)**

Trummel motioned to go into executive session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b) for matters of non-elected personnel until 6:25 (5 minutes). Kern seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Council returned to open session at 6:25 p.m. with no action taken.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to address, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

  
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Matt Christenson, Mayor

  
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Christy Gibson, City Clerk