

**Greensburg City Council**  
**April 1, 2024**  
**City Hall**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matt Christenson called the April 1, 2024, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Father Ted Skalsky offered an invocation.

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

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

Trummel motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Charlton seconded. The motion was passed 3-0.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no public comments made.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

Charlton motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Keeton seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

**F. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1. Resolution 2024-03 Public Works Job Description Changes**

Over the last few years, since combining the Public Works Department, there has been conversation about dividing the Public Works Maintenance Worker position into two. Proposed Resolution 2024-03 would create Public Maintenance Worker I as an entry level employee and Public Maintenance Worker II as a more skilled/licensed/certified employee. Worker I would remain in grade 2 of the pay scale. Worker II would be in grade 3. Current employees would be appropriately placed within the new categories according to licenses, certifications, and experience and without change to their current pay rates.

Trummel, seconded by Charlton, motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Convene as Land Bank Board: Consider Application to Purchase 320 S. Olive**

Christenson suspended the open session of the City Council at 6:07 p.m. and called to order Greensburg Land Bank Board. Staff had received an application from Semiti Rawaico to purchase 320 S. Olive St. from the Land Bank. Rawaico is working on building plans but has been pre-approved to build a single-family home. The lot measures 75' x 150'. Upon Council's approval to sell the property, Staff will schedule the required advertisement of the property. Thirty days following publication, a contract of sale can be executed.

Trummel asked about the price of the property if another interested party makes a request. Should there be more than one interested party, the purchase would move to a bid process. Keeton asked the City was required to advertise. The City's paper of record is the Tri-County Tribune. Barnes advised that, if approved, Rawaico plans to build fairly quickly.

Noting that the Land Bank is serving its purpose, Trummel motioned to approve the sale of 320 S. Olive St. Keeton seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0. Christenson resumed open session of the Council at 6:11 p.m.

**G. CITY STAFF REPORTS**

Barnes reported to Council on the following topics:

- **MIH** – Barnes recently submitted the quarterly and annual compliance reporting on the Garfield Ave MIH duplexes to KHRC. Construction on the Bay Street duplexes is nearing an end. Once completed, the Gumpenbergers are planning on an open house. Barnes also advised that she is starting a draft on an RFP process for the next round of MIH grant opportunity.

- **Airport** - On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Barnes submitted a request for funding to pave and light the runway at the airport. Barnes was made aware of by the KDOT director of aviation. He said it might be a long shot, but worth making the ask. She will keep council informed.

- **Water Report** - The City has received the annual water Consumer Confidence report for 2023 water testing results. As required by KDHE, Staff has been making the report available to customers through the City's website, Facebook, the Health Department and at City Hall. A link to the report will be made available in the next newsletter that goes out with utility bills.

- **Employee Training** - Last week, three employees (Mick, Clarence, Kaden) attended the annual Kansas Rural Water Association Conference in Wichita. The previous week, Gibson attended the annual spring CCMFOA (City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association) conference in Manhattan.

- **Street Sweeping Update** - Work continues on sweeping streets that received chip seal last fall, to pick up excess rock. This has been a dirty job because Staff is unable to run the water on the street sweeper to keep the dust down. Water mixed with the rock dust creates an almost concrete substance that clogs the sweeper. Hopefully removal of excess rock will remedy the dusty street issue.

- **Weeds** - The ballfields have been sprayed for weeds. Today, Staff was spraying some city properties and cracks in streets.

- **Tree Board** - The Tree Board met last week. Everyone is asked to save the date for April 26th at 1pm on Main Street across from the Commons Building for the annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony.

- **Reserve Funds** - Last week I participated in a public funds investment webinar. I am investigating how we might further invest idle/reserve funds.

- **New Utility Services** - New water and sewer services have been installed at S. Cherry and W. Colfax.

- **KDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant** - On Friday, Barnes received an invitation to submit a full KDOT Transportation Alternatives grant application for connecting sidewalks. This is the grant that was mentioned during the planning session. The City is also eligible to receive the 20% match paid through the program. That application is due by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

- **GMD 5** - Included with documents for this meeting was a reminder of the GMD 5 meeting Wednesday at the Twilight Theatre.

Trummel asked if the street sweeping project will be a long and drawn-out process. Barnes noted that Bay Street (where work is currently taking place) is very wide. The project should move faster on once they are on more narrow streets. Charlton mentioned the need for rain, which he feels may help as well. Trummel recommended Staff research the product being used for the next chip seal project, so that the City doesn't have the same issue with dust again. Keeton asked who had done this kind of work for the City in the past. Barnes noted that prior to the 2007 tornado the City had its own equipment and did they work in-house. The chip seal streets have not been treated since. This was Heft and Sons first time doing the work. Several noted that they have seen similar work by Heft and Sons before and dust was not an issue. Trummel noted that the rock used seems to be crumbling. The question was raised if Efog could be placed over the chat. Taking on the expense of efog in those areas would mean neglecting streets scheduled for treatment next year.

#### H. GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS


There were no additional comments from the Governing Body.

#### I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b) for personnel matters of non-elected personnel. (10 minutes)

Trummel motioned to go into executive session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b) for matters of non-elected personnel until 6:33 (10 minutes). Charlton seconded. The motion passed 3-0. Council returned to open session at 6:32 p.m. with no action taken.

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to address, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

  
Matt Christenson, Mayor

  
Christy Gibson, City Clerk