



CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
 Regular Session

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ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on July 25, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Grain Valley City Hall
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Todd

ITEM II: ROLL CALL

- City Clerk Chenéy Parrish called roll
- *Present: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
- *Absent: Arnold*

-QUORUM PRESENT-

ITEM III: INVOCATION

- Invocation was given by Pastor Wayne Geiger of First Baptist Church of Grain Valley

ITEM IV: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Valerie Palecek

ITEM V: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- City Administrator Ryan Hunt requested two additions to the agenda.
 - Item X – New Business – Grain Valley Newspaper
 - Item XI – Presentations – Out of State Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Ballot Issue
- *Alderman Johnston made a Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Headley*
- *Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

-MOTION APPROVED: 5-0-

ITEM VI: PROCLAMATIONS

- None

ITEM VII: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Mayor Todd opened the floor for citizen participation
 - None

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Mike Todd
 Alderman Bob Headley
 Alderman Chuck Johnston
 Alderman Valerie Palecek
 Alderman Tranita Stanley
 Alderman Yolanda West

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ITEM VIII: CONSENT AGENDA

- June 21, 2016 – Park Board Meeting Minutes
- July 11, 2016 – Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
- July 25, 2016 – Accounts Payable
- *Alderman West made a Motion to Approve Consent Agenda*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Palecek*
- *Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

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ITEM IX: PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- None

ITEM X: NEW BUSINESS

- Grain Valley Newspaper
 - *City Administrator Ryan Hunt explained that he was recently approached by Penny Kruse about opportunities to help the community since the local newspaper ceased. She has been working on a business plan to start a City newspaper and after discussions, Hunt believes this could be treated as an incubator project. The City could provide space, surplus equipment, and software in exchange for in-kind advertising. He noted that the “Gardner’s House” at the Ponderosa will provide adequate space for the start-up and Wi-Fi access will be available. The newspaper could be used for public notices, which can be very costly.*

Mrs. Kruse shared that she has approached local businesses about supporting a local newspaper and has had favorable responses. She would like to publish a weekly paper – either on Wednesday or Saturday and would like to have the first issue published by the first week in November.

Board members agreed to move forward on the project. City Administrator Hunt will work with Mrs. Kruse to create a business plan and locate resources that the City can loan her for start-up. He will also discuss the plans with Rob Harrington of the EDC to see what support the EDC Board can provide.

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ITEM XI: PRESENTATION

- Out of State Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Ballot Issue – Ryan Hunt
 - *City Administrator Hunt gave a short presentation on the August 2nd Out of State Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Election. He provided background information about the Missouri Supreme Court ruling in 2012 requiring cities to discontinue collecting local sales tax on out of state purchases unless voters vote against discontinuation of the tax. Grain Valley will lose approximately \$146,000 annually if the tax is discontinued. He explained that voting “no” allows the continued collection of existing sales taxes. Voting “yes” eliminates the tax and reduces revenues.*

ITEM XII: ORDINANCES

- None

ITEM XIII: RESOLUTIONS

- None

ITEM XIV: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- None

ITEM XV: CITY ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

- City Administrator Ryan Hunt
 - *The Municipal Challenge begins Wednesday in Blue Springs and events are scheduled through the month of August. He encouraged the Board to attend the kick-off and watch the Mayor and City Administrator basketball shootout.*
 - *The Toast to Our Towns event will be September 17th. This year Grain Valley will have two tables. He asked Board members to contact Chenéy Parrish or Khalilah Holland if they plan to attend. He will also ask for an official headcount at the next Board meeting.*
- Community Development (*Community Development Director Ken Murphy*)
 - *Community Development Director Ken Murphy shared that Mr. Shroul held a special event at Valley Speedway last weekend. Noise levels were monitored and the highest level was 82.3, below the requirements of the special permit. All tests continue to meet the requirements and no issues have been identified.*
- Finance (*Finance Director Cathy Bowden*)
 - *Finance Director Cathy Bowden asked the Board to approve extending the auditor’s contract for one more year, with a \$500 increase in cost. She explained that the current contract was approved for 3 years with an option to extend 2 additional years. Since she has been out of the office she feels that she doesn’t have*

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adequate time to seek bids and get everything done timely.

- *Alderman Johnston made a Motion to Extend the Contract with the Current Auditor One Year, with a \$500 Increase in Cost.*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman West*
- *Motion to Extend the Contract with the Current Auditor One Year, with a \$500 Increase in Cost was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

-MOTION APPROVED: 5-0-

- *City Clerk (City Clerk Chenéy Parrish)*
 - *None*
- *Parks & Recreation Department (Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies)*
 - *None*
- *Police (Chief of Police David Starbuck)*
 - *Chief of Police David Starbuck introduced Wayne Geiger as the newly appointed Police Chaplain. The appointment is effective immediately.*

ITEM XVI: BOARD OF ALDERMEN REPORTS & COMMENTS

- *Alderman Bob Headley*
 - *Alderman Headley has tickets for the Pathway of Honor bowling event. He would like to see the City form teams and participate.*
- *Alderman Chuck Johnston*
 - *Reminded everyone that the Night Out Against Crime will be August 9th*
- *Alderman Valerie Palecek*
 - *Alderman Palecek asked for information about recent trash can citations. Community Development Director Ken Murphy explained that one of the trash companies changed their pick-up date without the City's knowledge. No one was issued a citation, however hangers were put on residents' doors.*

Alderman Palecek also asked for an update on OATS transportation. Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies has more information and pricing. He plans to present this to the Board as a new budget item for next fiscal year. Other programs have been implemented in Kansas City, Independence, and Sugar Creek that provide taxi vouchers. Truman Heartland has been working with the cities on this project. City Administrator Hunt shared that he is attending a meeting Friday and will report back to the Board.

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Alderman Palecek also thanked Wayne Geiger for agreeing to serve as the Police Chaplain.

- Alderman Tranita Stanley
 - *Alderman Stanley shared information from the Transportation Committee meeting, which was held July 20th. There was not a big turnout of residents however those in attendance did voice their concerns, which included youth driving in yards, leaving trash, using drugs, and being disrespectful. Chief of Police Starbuck shared that his department responds to all calls but they are not getting calls – people are posting complaints to Facebook instead. His department will monitor the situation. Alderman Headley shared that he has talked with Dr. Welle and learned that 300 new parking spaces will be available at the high school this year. Hopefully the additional parking will resolve some of the issues.*

- Alderman Yolanda West
 - *None*

ITEM XVII: MAYOR REPORT

- Mayor Mike Todd
 - *None*

ITEM XVIII: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mayor Todd stated a need to hold an Executive Session for Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate, Pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo. 1998, as Amended and Legal Actions, Causes of Action of Litigation Pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo. 1998, as Amended
- *Alderman Headley moved to close the Regular Meeting for items related to Section 610.021(2), and 610.021(1), RSMo 1998, As Amended.*
- *The motion was seconded by Alderman Johnston*
 - *No Discussion*
- *The motion was voted on with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

-MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-

-THE REGULAR MEETING CLOSED AT 7:58 PM

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- *Alderman Johnston moved to open the Regular Meeting*
- *The motion was seconded by Alderman Headley*
 - No Discussion
- *The motion was voted on with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

-MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-

-THE REGULAR MEETING OPENED AT 8:47 PM

Item VI: ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

 Chenéy Parrish
City Clerk

 Date

Minutes approved by:

 Mike Todd
Mayor

 Date

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