

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF GODDARD
118 NORTH MAIN, GODDARD, KS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

The Goddard City Council met in a Regular Session at Goddard City Hall on Monday, October 2, 2023. Mayor Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. Council members present were Keaton Fish, Sarah Leland, Hunter Larkin, Brent Traylor, and Aubrey Collins.

Also present were Teri Laymon, City Clerk, Matt Lawn, Finance Director; Micah Scoggan, Community Development Director, Brooke Brandenburg, Public Works Director; Lance Beagley, Police Chief; Sarah Simon, Customer Care/Utility Clerk; Harlan Foraker, City Engineer and Ryan Peck, City Attorney.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember *Traylor* moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember *Collins* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Gail Jamison, Goddard Woman's Club announced that in celebration of the 90th year anniversary of the Goddard Woman's Club and in honor of the club's legacy of establishing the Goddard Public Library there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and the unveiling of the Children's Lego Wall at the Goddard Public Library, 201 North Main Street Sunday October 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a Ribbon Cutting at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember *Traylor* moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember *Fish* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SE CORRIDOR LIFT STATION

Micah Scoggan, Community Development Director stated that on September 18th the City Council approved a proposed assessment roll for lift station improvements and set a public hearing date for October 2nd. Letters advising of the proposed assessment and hearing were sent out to property owners.

It was discussed during the September 18th regular council meeting that bonds have already been sold in 2022 as permanent financing, and that it is advisable to not issue an additional bond for \$110,000, as it would result in additional costs for underwriting and sale, and it could be difficult to sell this bond due to it being viewed as undesirable for such a low amount.

It was also discussed during the September 18th regular council meeting that not issuing bonds for this type of improvement is a deviation from standard Kansas law and as such the City could be required to issue bonds, and incur additional costs to be assessed, if legally challenged.

Scoggan stated the City Council will now hold a public hearing allowing any written or oral objections to the assessment of the \$110,000 to 172 lots in the Arbor Creek development.

- Each lot will be assessed \$639.54.
- They will have until November 3, 2023, to pay the amount in full or in part.
- If assessments are not paid in full or in part, there will be 20 annual installments to property owners equaling about \$31.97 per year or around \$2.66 per month, plus interest.

Lots to be assessed are listed out as follows:

ARBOR CREEK ADDITION

Lots 1 through 9, Block 1
Lots 11 through 42, Block 1
Lots 1 through 10, Block 2
Lots 1 through 14, Block 3
Lots 1 through 18, Block 4
Lots 1 through 17, Block 5
Lots 1 through 16, Block 6
Lots 1 through 13, Block 7
Lots 1 through 9, Block 8
Lots 1 through 23, Block 9
Lots 43 through 47, Block 10
Lots 49 through 51, Block 10
Lots 53 through 55, Block 10

Mayor Larkin opened the public hearing for any written or oral comments.

Jeffrey Jones, 1069 Arbor Creek Court, asked for confirmation that the total assessment would be \$639.54 per lot.

Bret Shogren, Financial Advisor for the City confirmed that each lot would be assessed \$639.54 per lot for principal. Shogren explained that the other Arbor Creek Projects had bonds issued and those bonds had an interest rate of 4.18%. Shogren stated it is up to the city to determine if interest would be included in these assessments. Shogren added that once the Ordinance is adopted to assess the property owners, a notice of assessment will be sent out to the property owners giving them the option to pay off the assessments in whole or in part to the City by November 2, 2023.

It was the consensus of the Governing Body that interest would not be assessed to the homeowners for their portion of the project.

Chad Beck, 1343 Footbridge Street, asked if the assessment was to Arbor Creek as a whole or just to the 3rd Phase. Mayor Larkin stated the \$110,000 was originally to be assessed to the 1st Phase of Arbor Creek and it was not.

There being no further comments, Mayor Larkin closed the public hearing.

Scoggan recommended that the City Council:

1. Waive the Reading of the Ordinance
2. Consider the Ordinance

MOTION: Councilmember *Leland* moved to waive the reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember *Fish* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Councilmember *Leland* moved to adopt said Ordinance. Councilmember *Collins* seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yea: Fish, Leland, Larkin, Traylor, Collins
Nay:

Ordinance #937

LIFT STATION PUMP REPLACEMENT

Brook Brandenburg, Public Works Director stated that one of the pumps in the lift station serving the Elk Ridge subdivision has stopped functioning. Teardown and inspection of the pump revealed broken fan blades, sheared bolts and a worn-out impeller and seals. This pump has been repaired multiple times during its nearly twenty-year lifespan and needs to be replaced with a new pump.

Public Works is requesting to replace the worn-out Ybarra pump with a new Landia DG-I 80 Chopper pump from Fluid Equipment/Cogent. Landia Chopper pumps have blades that cut the solids in effluent making it easier to pump, creating a more efficient flow with fewer system blockages.

Brandenburg stated the cost to purchase and install a Landia DG-I 80 Chopper Pump in place of the worn-out Ybarra is \$17,249.07 and the cost will be allocated 100% to Sewer Replacement Reserve Fund – Utility Infrastructure - Capital Outlay 83-830-8600.

Brandenburg recommended the City Council approve the purchase of a Landia DG-I 80 Chopper Pump for the cost of \$17,249.07.

MOTION: Councilmember *Fish* moved to authorize the purchase and installation of a Landia DG-U79 Chopper Pump for a total cost of \$17,249.07 as presented. Councilmember *Leland* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Councilmember Fish announced that Fall Festival Events will be held this weekend. Including John Michael Montgomery at 9:00 p.m. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Collins thanked Andie Duntz, Chamber of Commerce President for all the hard work she has done preparing for Fall Festival.

Mayor Larkin stated that with only two agenda items on the City Council agenda, it shows that things are getting things done. Larkin added that this council has been through a lot this year, including repairs to the Community Center, bank transfer of approximately 20 million dollars to our local bank, road improvements, a new city building inspector, a completed STAR Bond Project, better and safer police equipment, an agreement with Rural Water District for water rights, and a rural housing incentive district.

Larkin added that there are two more things that he wants to accomplish by the time his term is over in January. A plan on how we are going to get water from Colwich, which will be huge for the growth of Goddard, and a fee structure for infrastructure improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember *Fish* moved to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. *Leland* seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.
Teri Laymon, City Clerk