City Council Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2025

The meeting of the Frontenac City Council, January 22, 2025 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Steve Morrison. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll call was answered by Mayor Steve Morrison, Marc McCully, Nick Hansen, Joe Martin, Pat Clinton, Tom Sighel, Lynn Grant, LaDonna Pyle and Kyle Smalley.

Also present was the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Building Inspector, Director of Public Works, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Administrator.

Pyle made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to approve the agenda. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the council.

Minutes from the January 8, 2025 council meeting was opened for discussion. Grant made the motion, seconded by Sighel. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the council.

Appropriations Ordinance # 1879 was opened for discussion. A motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance # 1879 was made by Clinton, seconded by Grant. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

Citizen's Comments

David McLaren, 213 S. Appleton Dr., asked for an update on 210th/Sugarcreek Road.

Bailey Cares, 120 Barbara Lane, voiced her concerns with the current condition of the roads on Barbara Lane and Herman Lane. Ms. Cares stated that they understood from the beginning that these would be gravel roads and would be maintained to county specifications.

Shawn Bugni, 120 Herman Lane, asked for city staff to contact the county about adding an additional tax to the property owners on Herman Lane and Barbara Lane to pay for a maintenance plan or chip and sealing of the roads.

Condemnation Update – 103 N. Cherokee

Pyle made a motion, seconded by McCully, to proceed with demolition of 103 N. Cherokee. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Executive Session

At 6:24 pm, Pyle made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel of the Police Department. The session included the City Council, Mayor, Police Chief, City Clerk, and City Administrator. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

At 6:29 pm, the Council returned to regular session. Pyle made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to approve hiring Jordan Oliver as a full-time officer. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

Executive Session

At 6:29 pm, Pyle made a motion, seconded by McCully, to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel of Public Works. The session included the City Council, Mayor, Director of Public Works, City Clerk, and City Administrator. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

At 6:34 pm, the Council returned to regular session.

Executive Session

At 6:34 pm, Pyle made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to recess into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege regarding a potential Wastewater Contract. The session included the City Council, Mayor, City Clerk, and City Administrator. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

At 6:44 pm, the Council returned to regular session.

Old Business

Martin inquired about shopping for different options for health insurance.

Sighel voiced his concerns with the snow not being removed along the sides of McKay Street and the trash cans overflowing down McKay.

Pyle would like to look further into the container ordinance as Mid-America is selling shipping containers and Greene Acres Storage is using them for storage, both are in a C-S zone. Pyle also asked city staff to look into the property located at 601 W. Capaldo Rd. as there is now a skid loader close to the road that poses a danger to traffic. She inquired about a work session with the Planning and Zoning members. She asked city staff to look at 308 N. Labette for ongoing code violations.

Business License

Zafuta provided the Council with a business license application for CARDS Trash Service and gave a high-level overview of the complaints received over the last year.

McCully made a motion, seconded by Pyle, to deny a City Business License to CARDS Trash Service. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

City Administrator's Report

Zafuta gave an update on the following:

- Highway 160 Sewer Extension
- 2025 Paving Project
- Water Tower Project
- LKM Legislative Updates
- Freeman Hospital
- Library

Council Members' Comments

McCully thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done clearing the streets during the recent snowstorm.

Mayor Morrison gave an update form Freeman's CEO Paula Baker; she will be retiring on April 1st but will stay on board to oversee the new hospital project through completion.

Mayor Morrison informed the Council of his reasoning for closing city offices during the recent winter storms. The Council discussed closing for weather at length and could not come to an agreed upon resolution on how this should be handled in the future.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sighel, seconded by Clinton. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest:

THE CITY OF FRONTENAC ★ SEAL ★ CRAWFORD COUNTY KANSAS

Jayme Mjelde – City Clerk

Steve Morrison - Mayor