



Grandview Plaza City Council

Met in Regular Session April 15th, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Mayor Rick Geike. Present were council members, Ronald Woods, Marvin Edison, Art Potter, Tanya Thurn and Harlan Loftus. Also present were, Chief Peirano, Jeremy Bramwell, Luke Erichsen, Silas Keim, Antonio Castillo, Meggan Erichsen, Joyce Hill, David Hil, William Hutchinson, Katlyn Sanberg, Donald Mansker, Hailie Mansker, Tammy Bruning, Gene Bruning, Bishop Bruning, Katie Bramwell, Jared Coleman, Mark Hatcher, Hunter Moore, Ali Goodson, Samantha Boyd.

Harlan Loftus made a motion to approve the March 18, 2025 minutes. Tanya Thurn seconded the motion. Motion carried, vote unanimous.

Joyce Hill was called to the floor. Joyce updated the council on the cleanup of 513 Janice, trucks should be hauling trash this weekend (4/19/25). Joyce was informed the property should be cleaned up by 5/20/25 council meeting, and informed the 5/10/25 city wide cleanup was available to them for cleanup. Harlan Loftus made a motion to give Joyce until 5/20/25 council meeting, Ron Woods seconded the motion, individual vote called for: Tanya Thurn- yes, Art Potter- yes, Marvin Edison- yes. Motion carried.

Hunter Moore was called to the floor. Hunter informed the council of the completion of the repairs to the building, building re-inspection, fire chief inspection, all of which approving reopening of south section of building. Hunter requested information on any additional requirements to re-open the south side of the building. Tanya Thurn applauded the effort put forth by Hunter, stated Hunter had done all that council had asked to re-open the entire hotel, and made a motion to allow the Econo Lodge to re-open, Art Potter seconded the motion, discussion ensues regarding Hunter remaining at this location, discussion closed, motion carried – vote unanimous.

Mark Hatcher was called to the floor. Mark addressed the council regarding the vision of use of the community center, partnering with the city of Grandview Plaza, and aid in the city-wide cleanup. The council discussed the day options available, the amount to charge for rent, the year long contract. Mark presented the council with some options they had prepared. In response to new information provided, Harlan Loftus made a motion to table this matter until 5/20/25 council meeting to review the proposal from Mark Hatcher, Marvin Edison seconded the motion, motion carried – vote unanimous.

Donald Mansker was called to the floor. Donald presented fire chief Jeremy Bramwell with a special leather shield for his helmet, on behalf of the firefighters of Grandview Plaza.

Luke Erichsen was called to the floor and advised the council of the following:

- 1) Advised the council he had purchased 15 meter locks and 3 keys for the meters due to meter tampering.
- 2) Advised the council that he had attended the KRWA conference, spoke with venders regarding com system for water pump/ tower communication.
- 3) Advised the council that he had spoken with the representative of Comm-Tronix and confirmed the quote presented to the council for \$9,650.00 is still good and asked what the council wanted to do on this matter. Marvin Edison asked about the financial status of the city, he was informed that Janet would be available next week. Marvin Edison made a motion to table the matter until 5/20/25 council meeting, Ron Woods seconded the motion, discussion opened regarding the current status of equipment, discussion closed, motion carried – vote unanimous.

- 4) Advised the council that he would need a couple more sewer nozzles and that he would have a quote for them by next council meeting. Estimated cost to be \$2,300.00 for both.

Ron Woods inquired about the status of the fire hydrants; Luke provided an update.

Jeremy Bramwell was called to the floor and advised the council of the following:

- 1) Advised the council the fire dept. responded to 11 medical calls, and 5 fire calls. Total of 16 calls.
- 2) Advised the council that the fire department collected \$776.00 of donations at the pancake feed. Jeremy noted that senator Jerry Moran showed up and he had a good discussion with the senator.
- 3) Advised that the annual Easter Egg Hunt went well, they had 30 – 40 kids show up. Tanya Thurn advised a class at the high school could help with stuffing eggs for next year that would help them with community service hours.
- 4) Advised the council of the need for AEDs in fire trucks. Jeremy stated he is requesting three devices, which total \$6,527.97. Jeremy stated he needs two more but he would look at purchasing those on next year's budget. Jeremy requested a motion to approve the purchase of three AEDs at the cost of \$6,527.97, Marvin Edison made a motion to approve said purchase, Art Potter seconded the motion, motion carried – vote unanimous.

Tanya Thurn expressed gratitude for Jeremy's good work in the community.

Chief Peirano was called to the floor and advised the council of the following:

- 1) Advised the council of the number of calls for the month of March.
- 2) Advised that the PD had hired a new officer, swore Ozzy Adney in as Grandview Plaza Police Officer, and his mother presented / pinned his badge on him.
- 3) Advised the council that the department still has vehicles in need of repairs, one needs a new battery, engine / motor mount, and a heater core. The battery is problematic due to the location of the battery being behind the front passenger seat underneath the plastic arrest seat. Cost estimated at \$1300. Another vehicle needs a fuel pump, a motor mount or two, and breaks, costs estimated to be over \$1000. Chief stated that unit #5 was running well. Chief stated he would be taking the pickup to Clay Center next week to have the frame evaluated for damage and if it is repairable.
- 4) Advised the council that he would be purchasing lockers for the department using asset forfeiture funds that is estimated total around \$1000.
- 5) Advised the council that he and Jeremy have a meeting with an architect to discuss possible designs for new Emergency service building to accommodate Fire and Police departments. City to be updated as information is available.
- 6) Advised the council that officer Adney doesn't have a date for school yet but will be getting him in as soon as possible.
- 7) Advised the council that he discussed the blight issue with Junction City, based on their process- adoption of the international building code and the building maintenance code book, the city would perform the work or contract out (after appropriate notice to the homeowner) and would bill the homeowner- if not paid- balance to be placed on taxes. The bill is suggested to be based on a FEMA cost table. Discussion with council and Chief Peirano continue regarding blight issue, enforcement, manpower, and budget. Marvin Edison expressed concern regarding the enforcement of blights, that it is repeat offenders he observed in the community. Marvin also expressed concerns regarding trash blowing in his yard, the types of trash placed at the curb, and the return of cans to side of house immediately after pickup.

Silas Keim advised the council on behalf of Janet Young of the following:

- 1) Advised the council of Resolution 25-01 regarding 149 Byrd an unsafe structure in the city and asked for motion to approve Resolution 25-01, Marvin Edison made a motion, Ron Woods seconded the motion, motion carried - vote unanimous.
- 2) Advised the council of Janet's interactions with Emanuel Manwaring (the buyer desiring 108 Byrd), the information city workers had found out, and the recommendations based on the information. Discussion ensues between the council members, the mayor and the city attorney, city attorney advised the council there is no need for any action to be taken on this matter. No action taken.
- 3) Advised the council of the letter from the Geary County Employee Taskforce that requested a monetary sponsorship. Ron Woods made a motion to table this issue until 5/20/25 council meeting to allow for a representative to present this desire personally, Harlan Lofthus seconded the motion, motion carried - vote unanimous.
- 4) Advised the council that Janet updated the website to comply with Charter Ordinance 25-01 by creating a Publication section on the city website. Visual demonstration was provided on the TV.
- 5) Advised the council that the city needs to approve the purchase of the EMC insurance for the city for the coming year. Tanya Thurn made a motion to purchase the EMC insurance for the coming year, Art Potter seconded the motion, motion carried - vote unanimous.

Harlan Lofthus moved to approve the March expenditures, seconded by Ron Woods, motion carried - vote unanimous.

Harlan Lofthus moved to approve the March financial statement, seconded by Tanya Thurn, motion carried - vote unanimous.

Marvin Edison inquired about how often the city is audited. Silas stated that the city had just completed the audit. Marvin expressed his concern about not seeing an audit report in a while. Mayor Geike informed Marvin that he had sat down with a city auditor two years ago. Marvin expressed his concern that the city is passed due and the council needs this information. Silas stated he would get with Janet to provide the council with the audit report.

Tanya Thurn made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Woods, Motion carried - vote unanimous.