

**City of Quinter**  
**Monday, June 13, 2022 7:00PM**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 202 Gove Street**

**Governing Body/City Staff Roster**

X	Jeremy Blackwill Mayor		Daryl Havlas, Rec Director
X	Sue Machen, Council President		Rodney Salyers, City Marshal
X	Kirk Zerr, Council Member	X	Garret Press, Public Works Director
X	Dan Chupp, Council Member		Lafe Gillespie, Fire Chief
X	Giovani Caasi, Council Member		Amy Crist, Pool Director
X	Matt Havlas, Council Member		Michael Haldeman, Public Works
	Steve Hirsch, City Attorney		David Stuenkel, Public Works
X	Greg Thomas, City Administrator		Marissa Haffner, A/P, Utility Clerk

Meeting called to order by Mayor Blackwill at 7:00PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Regular Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Council Member Caasi moved, and Council Member Machen seconded to approve the amended meeting agenda with additions. Motion carried 5-0.

**Call to Public**

Marcia Press, Tom Thielen, and Jim Powers representing the Quinter Historical Society Marcia started the conversation by explaining the Quinter Historical Society's place in the community and how important it is to preserve our heritage for the future. She explained how the Historical Society is ran on a very limited budget and is basically operating to keep the lights on but not able to do important maintenance to the building.

Tom explained how he has started conversations with Jason Moses of Gove County Economic Development to pursue grants for a possible expansion to the back of the building and for needed display cases and basic upgrades.

Jim asked the Council if they would consider carving out a small piece of the budget to help cover the utilities for the building. This would help the society stretch their limited budget to include much needed building maintenance. The building they currently operate out of was built in 1908 and there are concerns that if maintenance and repairs are not done soon, they may need to relocate.

**Guests**

Kurt Brown, Aaron Betz representing the Quinter School District and making themselves available to answer questions concerning Resolution 164 that will allow a 1% sales tax increase question to be added to a special election ballot.

**Minutes**

Approval of minutes from the regular meeting – May 23rd, 2022

**MOTION:** Council Member Zerr moved, and Council Member Havlas seconded to approve the amended May 23rd meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0. Council Member Machen abstained.

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**New Business:**

**CONSIDER:** Resolution 164

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION IN THE CITY OF QUINTER, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE PERCENT (1%) CITYWIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 293, GOVE COUNTY, KANSAS (QUINTER) IN THE REPAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Council recognized Kurt and asked him to clarify a few details about the sales tax. Kurt explained that the sales tax is a 1% increase in city wide sales tax to be in effect for 10 years. He explained that the 10-year limit is a statute bound limitation in place at the state level. He further explained that the 1% tax increase cannot be passed without the school bond passing. To say that differently, if the voters choose not to pass the bond question the sales tax question becomes void. Kurt explained further that the school district will pay for the special election in its entirety, the city will incur no expense.

Council Member Zerr expressed his concern about having the question on a special election ballot. He also believes that the improvements are too heavily weighted in the area of athletics and not enough on the classrooms.

Mayor Blackwill commented that some of the businesses just outside the city limits will not be required to charge the extra 1% on sales tax. This may need to be addressed if the tax passes.

**MOTION:**

Council member Machen moved that the Resolution be adopted. Council member Zerr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. 5 - 0

**CONSIDER:** approving encumbrances - new bills numbered 10138 to 10165, including all automatic payments, and excluding voided checks.

**MOTION:** Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ moves Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconds to pay vouchers 10138 through 10165 and all listed automatic payments. Motion carries \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONSIDER:** approving building permit number 2022-02 for Noah Stuart on property located at 505 Park Street.

**DISCUSSION:** The new shed will be built on a current slab. It will be larger than the current shed and will be placed on the property line with the neighbor. The Council would like to have the neighbor write a letter indicating their approval to allow the building within the 6 foot setback. No motion at this time.

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**CONSIDER:** approving the annual cereal malt beverage license application for Quinter Pit Stop.  
**MOTION:** Council Member Zerr moved, to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Quinter Pit Stop. Council Member Machen seconded. Motion carried. 4 – 1 with Council Member Chupp voting against.

Fourth of July Celebration: Council discussed having fireworks for the Fourth of July and was in favor of allowing Quinter Fire to set them off on the North end of Main Street. Sponsors will be asked to help purchase the fireworks.

**Old Business:**

Animal Ordinance

*No motions made. Greg is asked to draft a new ordinance to be discussed at the next meeting.*

**Department Reports**

Garret

Sewer pond one is ready to be cleaned out. Permits are in place, ramps are made.

Geographic Information System: Garret mentioned that he would still like the Council to consider approving the purchase of this software for mapping out underground utilities within the city. Council would like to see a demo of the product next meeting.

Tornado Siren – water tower: Electric is being buried in the ground instead of running overhead and should be ditched in next week. The control box is ready to go and should be wired up next week as well.

Corwin Well: Doug is proceeding on his end to get permits and planning done. Still waiting on Ned Marks, Consulting Geologist of Terraine Services, Inc to become available so that well testing can begin.

**Administrator's Report:**

Health Insurance: Greg mentioned that health insurance costs are expected to increase 13% at our renewal date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. He is looking into the possibility of getting into a group health plan sponsored by KMIT. He has submitted health questionnaires that were filled out by the employees to Blue Cross for their review.

Greg will be working on the 2023 budget in the next couple of weeks and should have budget information to review.

**Executive Session:**

**None**

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**MOTION:** Council Member Zerr moves and Council Member Havlas seconds to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries 5-0.

ATTEST:

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Mayor, Jeremy Blackwill

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Greg Thomas, City Administrator/Clerk