

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Evan Joy, Jane VanDonge, Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, Devin Renken. Others present were Corina Cox, Doug Goetz, Craig Stockebrand, Drew Hoops, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn, Miranda Robinson, Sheri Knouf, Jennifer Bowles, Jonas Bowles, Craig Pottberg, and LaRhea Cole.

Mayor Bisnette called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Jane moved to approve, seconded by Charlie, the minutes from June 1, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Craig Pottberg, Osborne County Commissioner, appeared before council to present the idea of housing two Osborne County ambulances in the fire barn. Pottberg stated the county is looking for cost effective services for the county and have found that AMR will help save around \$100,000 for the county. Discussion was held on whether the council would want the ambulances housed in Downs and cost of renting the building to AMR. Mayor Bisnette stated he would get in contact with Pottberg after more discussion.

Corina Cox with NWKP&DC was present to inform the council about 2020 CDBG grants. If the city was to apply for a grant, they would have to get started immediately. A Low-to-moderate income survey will need to be completed for the entire town. City clerk will get started on that process. This survey will last for three to four years.

Doug Goetz, Craig Stockebrand and Drew Hoops with Wilson and Company were there to discuss the final steps for closing the industrial lagoons. KDHE needs an official closure form and soil samples need to be taken and tested. Stockebrand stated they had gotten some quotes from different labs and they found that Midway Co-op would be the cheapest route for the city to take.

Joyce moved, seconded by Charlie, to have Midway Co-op take soil samples and test them with cost not to exceed \$1000 for the Industrial Lagoon closure. Motion carried.

Sheri Knouf present council with the library's 2021 proposed budget. Knouf stated summer reading program started and they had a good crowd. The library has been busy so far this summer. Discussion was held concerning possible moving the library or updating. Jennifer Bowles, library board member, was present to let council know how important it is to keep the library on Morgan Ave.

Code Enforcement Harry Colburn reported three or four letters out to property owners concerning code violations.

City Superintendent Kent Sullivan reported cameras have been installed at the pool and are up and running. The disc golf course at the roadside park is complete and ready for use. Discs are available to patrons if they don't have their own, contact the city office. Maps and score cards for the course will be in a box by hole 1.

A new electric pole was installed west of the pool. City crew is continuing to work on the shelter house by the pool.

Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to waive fees for American Red Cross blood drive at the Memorial Hall on July 8, 2020. Motion carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to approve special use permits #20-25 & #20-25b for Anne and Rod Schoen; #20-26 & #20-26b for Tim and Janet Parker. Motion carried.

Jane moved, seconded by Evan, to approve contracting license #20-37 for Dunstan Waste Solutions. Motion carried.

Jane moved, seconded by Devin to approve building permit #20-14 for Phillip Ellis for porch demolition and reconstruction. Motion Carried.

More discussion was held on having ambulance services in Downs through AMR.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to entertain the possibility of housing the Osborne County Ambulance\AMR services at the Downs Fire Barn. Motion carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to approve vouchers and payroll. Motion carried.

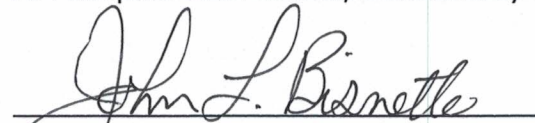
Devin Renken left meeting.

At 7:20 p.m., Evan moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes with council, mayor, and city clerk to discuss non-elected personnel. Jane seconded. Motion Carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane to approve pay raise of \$14.00/hr. for Miranda Robinson effective next pay period.

At 7:45 p.m., Jane moved, seconded by Joyce, to go into executive session for 10 minutes with council and mayor to discuss non-elected personnel. No Action was taken.

At 7:56 p.m. Evan moved, seconded by Charlie, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.



John L. Bisnette, Mayor



Miranda Robinson, Clerk

