

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 1, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, and Devin Renken. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn, Miranda Robinson, Richard Judd, Deputy Andrew Foglesong.

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

Joyce moved to approve, seconded by Evan, the minutes from May 18, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Deputy Andrew Foglesong reported for the Osborne County Sherriff's Department that one paper was served in May. Also, one welfare check was made and one juvenile report.

Code Enforcement Harry Colburn reported he drew papers on 823 Blunt St. Most everyone has complied with keeping yards mowed.

Animal Control Richard Judd reported he removed 5 feral cats, 3 kittens, and an opossum. Judd reported on the large animal permits.

Jane moved to approve, seconded by Devin to approve large animal permits #20-01 for 2 horses to Rob & Jess Reinert, #20-02 for 3 horses to Jim & Diana Keezer, #20-03 for 3 horses to Carla Naasz-Schlatter, #20-04 for 3 horses to Anna Garey, #20-05 for 30 sheep to Wendell Brummer. Joyce abstained. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Kent Sullivan reported the pool opened today. The crew has put up privacy fencing around the pool which will help keep the dirt and dust down in the pool area. Work will continue at the park next to the pool and horseshoe pits. The ballfield fencing and volleyball nets are up at the roadside park. Grass has been planted near the shelter house at roadside park where they did dirt work.

City crew has started prepping the streets by sweeping and spraying weeds so they can start chip sealing and putting down cold mix to fix streets. Kent will place an order for more oil at the cheaper price. Discussion was held over street repairs and keeping on top of them.

City clerk reported she spoke with the auditor who will be in the office June 10. Clerk was approached by the newspaper about an ad for the homecoming addition, discussion was held and Devin will get the ad ready to be put in the paper.

The position of pool manager and assistant pool manager were discussed as a wage was not approved by council in previous meetings.

Joyce moved to approve, seconded by Devin, to pay Kelli Hennes \$12/hr as pool manager and Mason Duskie \$8.50/hr for assistant pool manager. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to approve, seconded by Devin, special use permits: #20-21 and 20-21b for Robert and Connie Pennington; #20-22 for Leon Kuhn; #20-23, #20-23b, and #20-22c for Jenny, Grace and Kristian Grady; #20-24 and #20-24b for Mary and Evan Joy. Evan abstained. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to approve, seconded by Jane, building permit #20-12, for fencing for Kurt Decker; and #20-13, for fencing for Miranda Robinson. Motion carried.

In mayor and council reports, Devin stated he talked with Jim Griffith of Downs Enterprises and they are willing to come to council and give an update.

Joyce stated the account at the bank for street lighting has been taken care of. The money will go to help purchase new Christmas lighting.

Jane asked about the progress of the Memorial Hall improvement grant. Bruce stated the grant work is done, but they are still doing minor projects with money that was donated.

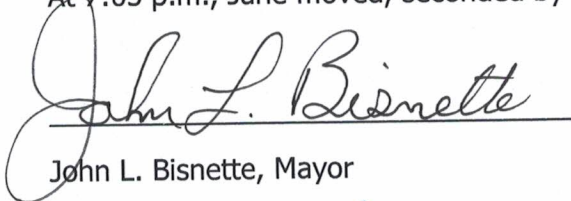
Jane moved, seconded by Evan, to approve vouchers and payroll. Motion carried.


Discussion was held concerning security cameras being purchased and placed at the pool. Kent stated he would look into options and purchase a system for the pool.

Kent also brought up that over Memorial weekend the flags on main street were not up. Discussion was held on who was responsible for putting those up. Kent and Harry volunteered to put them up when needed.

At 6:50, Evan moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes with council, mayor, city attorney, city clerk, Kent and Harry to discuss non-elected personnel. Jane seconded. Motion carried. No action was taken.

At 7:05 p.m., Jane moved, seconded by Charlie, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

  
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John L. Bisnette, Mayor

  
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Miranda Robinson, Clerk

