

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 18, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: John Bisnette, Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, Devin Renken. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn, Mike White, Cynthia Shanley, Matt Niewald, Janice Boland, Melvin Sumpter.

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

Jane moved, seconded by Charlie to approve minutes of February 3, 2020, meeting. Carried.

Melvin Sumpter presented a request for water bill payment extension to March 2, 2020.

Devin moved, Jane seconded, to approve Sumpter request. Carried.

Matt Niewald of Enviro Distributors presented company "green" process with availability of more environmentally friendly chemicals. Company services are being considered for use with summer mosquito fogger equipment.

Janice Boland of Osborne County EMS presented updated information about Osborne County services and staffing. Osborne County Commissioners are exploring contract options with Global Med to enhance EMS service in the county. Boland pointed out current equipment will soon need upgrading. EMS is seeking qualified staff candidates. Initial pay is \$9.00 hourly.

City Attorney: Attorney Berkley reported Charter Ordinance #16 is close to completion. A special meeting is necessary to implement finalization process. Employee Handbook will be completed by March. Berkley is also working on a sewer capping ordinance. Discussion resulted with a Special Meeting set for Monday, February 24, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. City Hall.

City Superintendent: Sullivan noted Johnson and Johnson Services will be in Downs late February, to jet sewer lines.

Devin moved, seconded by Charlie to limit cost of jet service to \$6000. Carried.

Mosquito fogging spray has been obtained at half of last year's cost. Copies of the 2019 Annual Water Use/Loss Report were given to council. Sullivan continues to search for a newer, gently used street sweeper on Purple Wave. A spinal board for pool is in place, cost \$525.00. Sullivan is looking at quotes for a heavy-duty mower to use at lagoons/tree dump. 718 Hadley St. has occupants living in residence without water/sewer service. Occupants will be given warning to comply by February 19, 2020. Attorney Berkley will draft a letter of notice to occupants.

City Clerk: Reported State Bank of Downs findings about obtaining (2) additional credit card instruments. Council directed Clerk to obtain (2) alternate numbered credit cards within city business line of credit. Council took no action on report of a proposed donation to Lakeside Prom Benefit. Interior paint of City Office will move forward.

Fire Department: Reported by Volunteer Berkley, via Fire Chief Kail Schoen for 2019, registered (3) rural runs and (37) city runs to meet community need. New helmets have been received and are in use.

Council Reports:

Evan moved, seconded by Jane to approve 20-07ABC through 20-10 Special Use Permits. Carried.

Devin Moved, seconded by Charlie to approve Building Permit 20-03. Carried.