

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held on Monday November 2, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, Trisha Harding, Devin Renken and Evan Joy. Others present were Richard Judd, Bruce Berkley, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

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

Joyce moved, seconded by Charlie, to approve minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2020. Motion carried. Devin and Evan abstained.

Harry Colburn brought to the council's attention that the water operator test he was supposed to take on November 5 was for the wrong class of systems needed for the city and he was short on credits to take the next class test. Colburn will attend the wastewater operator test in Lawrence on November 5 as planned. He found out there is a 2 day course in Emporia on December 16 & 17 which will give him the needed credits and he will take the water operator test there.

Evan moved, seconded by Joyce, to send Harry Colburn for water system class II school in Emporia on December 16 & 17, 2020. Motion carried.

Animal Control Richard Judd reported he had caught 4 raccoons, 6 opossums, 1 skunk, and 6 cats since last meeting. Judd stated 21 cats have been removed from east Ray Street. He asked the council if carrying a pellet gun would be appropriate in the case of rabid animals such as skunks that are hard to catch in daylight and without traps. Council held discussion concerning the ordinances on firearms within city limits and insurance liability.

The City Superintendent Kent Sullivan reported he gave an invoice to the City Clerk to send to Scoular Company for the fire hydrant relocation work the crew completed.

Sullivan stated that he talked more with Bo French about the siding that was tested, it would still need to be put in boxes then wrapped in plastic and notify the dump. The cost to dump would be \$2 per cubic yard. City council took no action.

Ryan with Cencon said he will try to be at the next meeting to discuss with council on what he wants for land by the tree dump along with rental or sale prices.

Curbing and gutters have been finished on Delay Street and some landscaping will be done by Shoe's etc on city property. Concrete has been stacked at the tree dump ready to be crushed. The weeds have been cleaned up around the lagoons.

Bigger Better Bargains has a leak which the city is responsible for as the water meter is inside the building. The crew will work to repair that this week.

The crew has winterized the pool, parks, and vehicles. They have caught up on mowing for this season. The city crew put up the voting booths at the Memorial Hall for Tuesday's election.

Kent notified KDHE about the lift station pumps not functioning correctly and currently only pump two was working. However that pump is also not functioning properly. A representative from Environmental Process Systems removed motor one so he could take it to his shop to look at it. He was able to clean it and replace seals so it runs correctly, and said it could last up to 5 more years but was not certain. The rails will need to be fixed on pump 1 before it can be removed and replaced. Since the 1 motor works it was recommended to purchase a new motor and try to rebuild the motor that is currently running now.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin to approve the purchase of a new sewer pump from Environmental Process Systems, Inc. Motion carried.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported that Valerie Davis had accepted the position, however due to lack of housing she was not sure on the exact starting date. Discussion was held regarding an exact date for her to start being November 16.

Robinson stated that on November 6 Corina Cox with NWK P&DC will be here to look over files for the Water Treatment Plant, in order to be ready for November 18 when a representative from KDOC will be here to do state monitoring of the project & files.

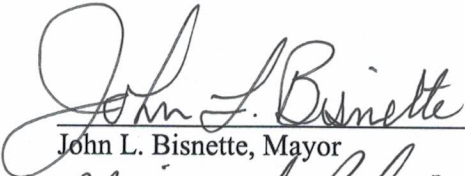
Joyce moved to approve building permit #30-25 for Ann & Larry Long for demolition and addition. Evan seconded. Motion passed.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the vouchers and payroll. Motion carried.

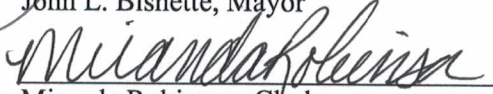
At 6:30 p.m. Joyce moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with council, mayor, city attorney, city clerk, and city superintendent. Trish seconded. Motion passed.

At 6:43 p.m. the regular meeting resumed. No action was taken.

Evan moved, seconded by Trish, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.



John L. Bisnette, Mayor



Miranda Robinson, Clerk

