

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held March 2, 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, LaRae Cole, Kathy McCart, Officer Betzold, Ron Duran and Richard Judd.

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

Evan moved, seconded by Jane to approve minutes of February 18, 2020, meeting. Carried.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin to approve minutes of Special Meeting, February 24, 2020. Carried.

Officer Betzold gave Osborne County Sheriff's Department report for the time frame of January 1, 2020 through February 1, 2020. Report covered two accidents, two criminal investigations, an unattended death and a juvenile report. Osborne County Sheriff's staff served (13) papers during January.

Code Enforcement reported no action. Joy brought Code Enforcement's attention to 821 Blunt Street to check on multiple cars/trailers at said property.

City Attorney inquired about 718 Hadley water service activation. Formal action may take place. Clerk indicated Rebecca Martin activated service at location in her name. This is the 3rd location in Martin's name.

Animal Control has contacted (2) citizens about animals. He will confer with clerk regarding (5) Large Animal Permits due in near future. He will contact Salinas family about status of chicken flock. A concern about large dog droppings at Library yard remains an issue. This is of concern as Story Telling Festival will convene in April. There was a provision made for Ancona's previous request to allow multiple dogs at residence and allow time to re-home animals. Ancona to be notified deadline to TAG all animals is Monday, March 16, 2020.

Superintendent Sullivan reported on pricing of additional pool fencing.

Hake moved, seconded by VanDonge to purchase (8) fifty-foot rolls of grey fencing to cover perimeter of pool. Carried.

Joyce moved, seconded by Jane to set City Wide clean-up for April 13 – 18, 2020, located at City Mixing Yard on south side of 500 block Delay street. Carried.

Ron Duran, representative of Lions Club, discussed planning for Lion's Club White Elephant Sale on April 17, 2020, at Memorial Hall.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin to waive Memorial Hall fees for Lion's Club use of Memorial Hall for White Elephant Event, April 17, 2020. Carried.

Sullivan and council discussed Morgan Avenue/Hwy 181 improvement work.

Sullivan informed council Bobcat Corp is lending city a 2012 street sweeper for test run/trial. Unit will arrive Wednesday. Superintendent proposed a possible lease plan to obtain upgraded sweeper.

City crew began weed spraying this week and mowing at Gazebo and Library. Barrier spray for sandburs at ballfield and sand boxes in park was put down. Due to safety issues at ballfield, nets are being repaired and safety issues may require moving batting cage.

Red gravel at park is spilling onto sidewalk causing safety issues. This will be addressed to prevent further concern. Crew has built an innovative piece of bucket equipment to clean riff-raff and chat for general use. The compost pile at shop and the mix area on Delay is available for local citizens to collect for garden use. Sullivan inquired about a new mosquito spray machine. Council directed Superintendent to follow through and check cost/prices.

6:35 P.M. Mayor, Council and City Attorney recessed to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

6:50 P.M. Regular council meeting resumed.

Evan moved and Jane seconded to offer employment as City Clerk to Miranda Robinson beginning date March 16, 2020, contingent upon result of drug screen, \$12 starting wage with 90-day probation and review. Carried.

Offer accepted.

Devin moved, seconded by Jane to approve Special Use Permits 20-11 and 20-12. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Jane to approve Contractor Licenses 20-31 and 20-32. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Jane to approve payment of EMC deductible of \$500. Carried.

Jane moved, seconded by Joyce to donate \$100 to Lakeside After Prom Committee. Carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane to affirm engagement letter signed by Clerk 8/26/2019, for Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC, audit hire. Carried.

Advertisement for City summer employment candidates will run next week (3/11/2020) in Downs News.

Jane moved, seconded by Charlie to permit City Superintendent and one city crew employee to attend Kansas Rural Water Association Meeting, March 24 -26, 2020. Carried.

7:10 P.M. Evan moved, seconded by Charlie to adjourn. Carried.

John Bisnette, Mayor

Cynthia Shanley, Clerk