

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held December 16, 2019, 5:30 p.m., at city hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Charlie Stevens, Devin Renken. Council member Tonya Kuhn was absent. Others present: Bruce Berkley, LaRhea Cole, Cynthia Shanley, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2, 2019. Carried.

City Attorney reported the delinquent property tax sale occurred. Berkley further explained the method of tax redemption on the tax sale properties. City Attorney will check with owner of 823 Ross regarding property clean up timeline. Berkley stated the updated employee handbook/manual is closer to completion.

City Superintendent noted the recycle notification signs are posted with the date recycling program will shut-down. Part-time seasonal employees are no longer on payroll records. Seasonal worker, Beams indicated to Sullivan he would be available for on-call work as needed. Superintendent reported the ditch along Anderson property has been worked and should now have better drainage. The Brummer-Thomas-Rexroat properties are better positioned with a 7" grade to facilitate better water channeling. Sullivan presented an equipment repair/replacement list to council. Discussion during review of document, outlined proposed pricing on various current or new city equipment.

Fire department representative reported the recent Fire School on USD 272 premises was a success. Fire department budget was discussed and a recommendation for clearer monthly communication between all staff was suggested. Volunteer Fireman Berkley will follow-up regarding budget concerns.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane to approve Contractor licenses 20-10 through 20-21. Carried.

Jane moved, seconded by Charlie, to approve ATV/Special Use Permit 20-01 and 20-02. Carried.

An information flow about railroad crossing annoyances was brought to council attention. Mayor Bisnette shared a Federal Railroad Police telephone number: 1-800-724-5996 for public reference. Other phone numbers were suggested for possible publish to the local paper.

Jane moved, seconded by Devin, to sell city grain to Scoular. Carried. Council Member Joy will make contact with Scoular Grain and complete the sale.

Questions relating to the city policy on septic operation at the currently closed RV Park in south Downs were debated. Sullivan will transmit policy information to interested parties.

No further reports from Council Members.

End of year special meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. Jane moved, seconded by Devin, to recess to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, Council, and City Attorney. Carried.

(Remaining minutes were recorded by Jane VanDonge)

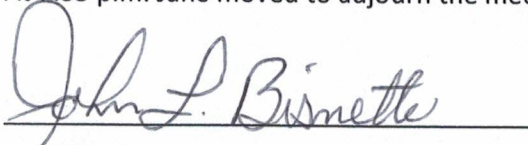
At 7:15 p.m. regular session resumed.

At 7:15 p.m. Jane moved, seconded by Devin, to recess to executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, Council, and City Attorney. Carried.

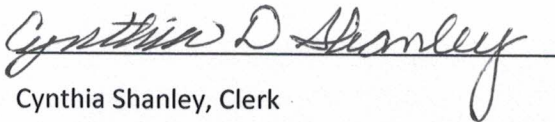
At 7:20 p.m. regular session resumed.

At 7:20 p.m. Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to waive penalty, late and reconnect fees for October, November and December, 2019 to Joyce Cashman past-due water bill account. Carried

At 7:35 p.m. Jane moved to adjourn the meeting. Devin seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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John Bisnette, Mayor

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Cynthia Shanley, Clerk