

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 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 Bruce Berkley, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

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

Devin moved to approve minutes from the regular meeting on January 4, 2021, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

The Code Enforcement/Health Officer Harry Colburn reported he was asked to look into a parked car on Blunt Street. The car is currently tagged so it is legal for it to be parked there for the time being. He is going to get a letter sent to a homeowner on Ross Street concerning the nuisance yard. A home on Morgan Street is being demolished but does not have a permit, so a letter will be sent to the owner.

City Superintendent Kent Sullivan reported he received a few more quotes on tilt attachments for the skid steer from Bobcat, Carrico, and online options. Council tabled this until further notice.

Sullivan also brought up different options for the city maintenance shop expansion he had spoken previously on. Instead of adding on to the current building they could purchase carports to put next to the building or put up a quonset building on the property that would house different trucks and machinery. He would get more information and prices for the next meeting.

The old state building at roadside park has been updated with electricity and cleaned out to also house items like the mowers.

Kent mentioned that sewer jetting needed to be done soon, they could call around to different companies to get price comparisons before scheduling.

Sullivan brought to the council's attention that he would like to start advertising as soon as possible for summer help since last year it was already summer before they started. He hoped to hire at least two people to help. Council decided to put the position on facebook before paying for a newspaper ad. If it was necessary later they would.

Discussion was held on whether to lease or sell ground to CenCon of Kansas near the tree dump. No decisions were made as Ryan Rietzke was not available to come to the meeting.

City Clerk reported she received a letter from KDOT concerning the K-181 project and spoke with Mike Bowser at KDOT, the city matching funds was originally \$87,000 but they are looking more around \$1,000 at this point from estimates. The bid letting for the project will begin in February. City employees will receive their W-2's before January 31.

Bruce Berkley represented the Fire Department and reported that there will be fire school in Alton on February 6 in which the city crew can go to get fit tested for the SCBA's. Council suggested that all three crew members go to get fit tested in order to properly use the SCBA's when changing out chlorine bottles at the water treatment plant.

Evan moved to approve 2021 Special Use Permits #21-05 thru #21-12. Seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to Designate State Bank of Downs as the city depository for 2021, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Devin moved to approve APAC- Pay Request #6 for \$125,833.39, seconded by Charlie. Motion carried.

Devin moved to approve CDBG Funds Request #7 in the amount of \$41,525.00, seconded by Evan. Motion carried.


Devin moved to approve KDHE Funds Request #9 in the amount of \$106,811.77, seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

In old Business the 2021 Fire Contract with Rural District #4 as presented to the council.


Joyce moved to approve Fire Contract with Rural District #4 in the amount of \$15,000, seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

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

Evan moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Devin. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



John L. Bisnette, Mayor



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

