

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held September 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, John Bisnette, Devin Renken. Also present: Marcus Betzold, Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Kelly Berkley, Ron Duran, and Scottie Becker.

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

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2016 meeting. Carried. Devin and Teri abstained.

Marcus Betzold, Osborne County Sheriff's department, presented the law enforcement report for the period of August 1, 2016 – September 1, 2016. Devin asked about the hours that the officers are in Downs. John C. asked about the abandoned vehicles and if the newly annexed properties would be a part of this investigation. Council requested to review the list of abandoned vehicles at the next meeting.

Kelly Berkley was present to request approval for an update and redesign of the Memorial Park. She requested permission to apply for the Dane Hansen Grant for \$5,000.00 and to use up to \$11,000 of the Memorial Park funds. Tonya requested a breakdown of the costs estimates from Performance Lawns. Mayor Brush commented that the city appreciates all of the time Kelly has spent maintaining this area and the preparation of the updated plans. John C. moved to allow the Memorial Park Committee to apply for the Dane Hansen grant for upgrading the Memorial Park. Teri seconded. Carried.

Ron Duran gave the animal control report. He will start trapping cats at First and Ray Streets. He reported that 27 cats were relocated last month.

Ron Duran, representing the Lions Club, requested approval for benches to be placed at the cemetery as a project. Terry will assist in location.

For Code Enforcement, Terry Gradig had received a couple of mowing complaints which have been resolved. Council requested that the city attorney begin nuisance abatement on a mobile home. Another area, noticed by First Impressions, has tall grass on the north side of the building and needs attention.

Mayor Brush asked Bruce about the sales tax on the newly annexed properties. There had been an inquiry from one of the businesses concerning the state's online information. Bruce said that the city has completed their responsibility.

Terry presented a lease with White Star for the new bobcat skid steer. Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to authorize the mayor and superintendent to sign the new lease on the skid steer at \$1600/yr. with White Star and First Bank. Carried.

Terry reported 21 blocks sealed. The crew is busy mowing. Devin asked about the mud around the grass clipping trailer. There was discussion of eliminating the trailer or moving it to another location.

City Clerk presented information on a seminar presented by Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd in McPherson, November 2nd. Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve the clerk's attendance at Understanding Your Government's Financial Statement Under the 2017 KMAAG seminar on November 2 at a cost of \$149.00 plus meals and travel costs. Carried.

Clerk presented quotes for replacing the office computer. Action was tabled for an additional quote for an all in one option. Thank you notes were received from the Lakeside Jr High Cheerleaders and from the Lakeside Jr High Volleyball Team for pool use.

Under Sheriff Scottie Becker arrived at the meeting. Council discussed current law enforcement procedures. Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve the Law Enforcement Contract with Osborne County for 2017. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the mayor to sign the Originator Agreement with Guaranty State Bank & Trust. Carried.

Teri moved, seconded by John C., to approve permit #16-49. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to approve building permit #16-25. Carried.

Teri moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve demolition permit #16-26. Carried. Devin abstained.

Mayor Brush asked the council to review the memorial hall rates. Council discussed a possible weekend rate @ \$500.00; rent for the whole hall @ \$200.00/daily; front only @ \$100.00/daily. Action was tabled.

John B. discussed Food Truck rules/code for food vendors.

Mayor Brush reported that EMC Insurance had completed an inspection of the clinic. Coverage for the loss is excluded.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed. Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 7:44 p.m., Tonya moved to adjourn the meeting. John B. seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

