

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held January 3, 2017, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Devin Renken, Teri Cordill, and John Cary. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Ron Duran, Graham Carroll, and LaRhea Cole.

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

Teri moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting and the special meeting of December 29, 2016. John B. seconded the motion. Carried. Devin abstained.

Mayor Brush said that she had invited Graham Carroll to attend the meeting and share his plans for the former "Penny's Pub" building. Graham plans to clear out the tin shed. He also has plans to clean up the property, add awnings and rafters, and operate a bar and grill with a fenced in beer garden. He plans to do the improvements this year. Council welcomed Carroll and his plans. Mayor Brush reminded him of obtaining permits before beginning, and suggested that he start with improvements to the front of the building and the sidewalk.

Bruce Berkley, City Attorney, presented legals for council approval. He also presented a copy of a letter to be sent regarding a health nuisance at 611 Beale. Council approved the letter, giving until February 7, 2017 to comply.

Resolution #17-01 was presented, exchanging real estate for easement. Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to adopt Resolution #17-01. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to authorize the mayor to sign the Quit Claim Deed to PTV LLC. Carried.

Ron Duran, Animal Control, presented a written report of activities for the month of December.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, reported that he is looking into options for the grass dumpsters. He reported that the application to the Hansen Foundation for a ballfield grant was approved and he has started working with Prairie Land and Cunningham. He has begun desludging the lagoons.

Terry requested approval to purchase chip sealing rock. John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to authorize the city superintendent to purchase 350 Ton of chip sealing rock for a total of \$9800.00 from street department. Carried.

Terry discussed the cost to install sewer lines north of Highway 24. Mayor Brush said that she would check with Sheldon Remus concerning his plans.

Terry requested permission to replace the Christmas lighting along the fence line at the Roadside park. John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to allow the city superintendent to order and purchase lights for Roadside Park @ \$1008.00 from Miller Hardware, from the Park & Rec fund. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Teri, to designate the State Bank of Downs as depository for the year 2017. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to accept the Dane Hansen grant for ballfield rehabilitation at \$23,000.00. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John B., to approve city licenses #17-28, #17-29, & #17-30. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve city licenses #17-31, #17-32, & #17-33. Carried.

Teri moved, seconded by John C., to approve special use permit #17-03. Carried. Devin abstained.

At 5:50 p.m., John C. moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with the council, mayor and city attorney present to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel. Tonya seconded. Carried.

(Remaining minutes taken by Jennifer Brush)

At 6:07 p.m., regular session resumed.

Bruce reminded the council of upcoming council and mayor elections for 2017.

At 6:17 p.m., Tonya made a motion to adjourn. Teri seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk