

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held January 6, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Jerry Knouf, Teri Cordill, David Draayer, John Cary, David Hardy. Also present: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Ray DeBey, Ron Duran, Duane Miller, Kathy Miller, Edgar Reinert.

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

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 regular meeting and the minutes of the December 30, 2013 special meeting. Carried.

Osborne County Sheriff had no report.

Dave Hardy entered.

City Attorney discussed the sales tax option. Council agreed to present a .5% retailer's sales tax levy question to the electors of the city for the purpose of maintenance and improvement of water/sewer, streets, and emergency services.

Ron Duran gave the animal control report. He will be purchasing a skunk trap.

City Superintendent reported on the cost for jetting the sewer line. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to authorize the city superintendent to bill the Golden Living Center a cost of \$2,212.50 for jetting the sewer line. Carried.

City Clerk noted that the next regular council meeting date will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014 due to the holiday.

John reported on a structure fire today of a detached garage, twelve men responded.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to designate the Downs Bank and the State Bank of Downs as depositories for 2014. Carried.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the American Red Cross's request to waive fees for the memorial hall for the year 2014 for the purpose of blood drives in our community. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the Downs Chamber of Commerce's request to waive the memorial hall fees for 2014 and reserve dates as requested on their letter of January 3, 2014. Carried.

Bruce prepared Resolution #14-01. John moved, seconded by Teri, to adopt Resolution #14-01. Carried.

John moved to approve builder's license #14-30; #14-34; #14-36; #14-37; #14-38; and #14-39. Dave D. seconded the motion. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve plumbing/gas fitting license #14-31 and #14-40. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve electrical license #14-32; #14-33; #14-35; #14-41; and #14-42. Carried.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance renewal was received. Council will review for the next meeting.

Mayor Brush reported that she has updated Scot Loyd on various projects by email. She also has visited with Pam Herl concerning funding for a truck.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the vouchers as presented. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Teri, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, City Clerk