

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held January 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Newly sworn in Mayor Justin Towery presided. Council members present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, and newly sworn in council members Evan Joy and Jane VanDonge. Others in attendance: Bruce Berkey, Terry Gradig, Ron Duran, Kelli Hennes, Vickie Oviatt, Chris Rhodes, and LaRhea Cole.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 2, 2018. Devin, Jane, Evan, - Yes; John and Tonya abstained. Carried.

Chris Rhodes, Osborne County Emergency Management, was present to introduce himself to the council. The city copy of the Osborne County Plan is outdated. Chris will supply the office with an updated copy. There was discussion concerning a local plan and possibly forming a committee.

Kelli Hennes was present to voice her concerns for the upcoming pool season. She was concerned that there may be only one returning guard. She noted the upcoming lifeguard training available and discussed wages in the surrounding towns. Kelli said that she would be willing to return as Assistant Manager and would like to discuss some new ideas with the manager, when hired.

Bruce reported that he, Evan, and Devin, will attend the Planning and Zoning Meeting in McPherson, January 19, 2018.

Ron Duran reported on activity. He had responded to a written complaint concerning dogs, at 904 Osborne Street, subject to the extreme cold with no shelter. He said that the dogs are being taken care of and brought inside at night. Ron provided the dogs some straw. The complaint noted that there were three dogs at the residence. Bruce will follow up on a prior court order.

Terry reported that he had received good results on the the lead and copper samples submitted. Terry updated the council on the conditions at the water plant and their options. Terry will set up a meeting with Cawker City council and Wilson & Co. Terry noted the nitrate levels in the wells: #8 at 23 ppm, #7 at 16 ppm, and #9 at 14 ppm. Well #9 is the only well currently in use. Terry is looking into a maintenance program to calibrate the nitrate analyzer.

Terry reported that the lagoons are back filled. He will test a sludge sample. He asked if Dale Goheen should continue to farm the ground. No one else has expressed interest. Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to let the farming continue as is, at the lagoons, with Dale Goheen for 2018. Carried.

Terry requested permission to purchase chip sealing rock for the season. Tonya moved, seconded by John, to allow the city superintendent to purchase 350 Ton of chip sealing rock at \$28.65/Ton, for a cost of \$10,097.50; with delivery cost of \$3465.00, and a total cost of \$13,562.50 from the Street Dept. Carried.

Terry reported that there would be a couple days labor moving dirt and cutting trees to construct the practice ballfield. He discussed replacing the old cedars with good trees at a later date.

City Clerk shared a thank you note to the council from Jennifer Brush. She supplied council with additional information from BC/BS regarding the health insurance renewal decision.

Mayor Towery presented his assignment of council committees for 2018. Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the mayor's assignments of council committees as presented. Carried.

Evan moved to elect John Bisnette as president of the council. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. John abstained.

Devin moved, seconded by John, to accept the resignation of Evan Joy from the Planning Commission. Carried. Evan abstained.

Tonya moved to approve the ATV Special Use permit #18-04. Devin seconded. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve builder's license #18-32. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John, to approve demolition permit #18-01. Carried.

Tonya moved to waive the memorial hall fees for the five DAC events in 2018. Devin seconded. John, Tonya – Yes; Devin, Jane, Evan – No. Motion did not carry. Following discussion, it was decided that Devin will contact DAC. Devin moved to waive the memorial hall fees for the February 10<sup>th</sup> event and invite them to attend the February 5 meeting. Evan seconded the motion. Carried.

Bruce had nothing on unsafe structures. He will send out a letter reminding those with deadlines on nuisance vehicles.

Devin reported that he has some issues to discuss with the sheriff's department at the next meeting.

Vouchers/payroll were approved and signed. Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 7:39 p.m., Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to recess into executive session for thirty minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the council and mayor present with the topic of wages, benefits, and job performance. Carried.

(Remaining minutes taken by Tonya Kuhn)

At 8:09 regular session resumed. Devin made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters pertaining to benefits, wages, and job performance. John seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

8:24 p.m. out of executive session.

Tonya moved to release Kent Sullivan from his probationary period effective 12/10/17. Evan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Tonya moved to purchase 2 time clocks, one for the city office and one for the city shop. John seconded. There was discussion. Evan asked about time cards. John explained that we are looking at a system that uses an id card. John will bring the information to the next meeting to decide which system to purchase. Motion passed 5-0.

Tonya moved to table raises and BCBS renewal until the next meeting. Devin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

John moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Evan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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Justin Towery, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk