

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held January 20, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Jerry Knouf, David Draayer, David Hardy, Teri Cordill, John Cary. Others present: Terry Gradig, Eric Rose, Eric Rose II, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Cathy Shellito, and Edgar Reinert.

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

John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5, 2015. Carried. Jerry abstained.

Eric Rose, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he had met with the city attorney to review forms and procedures. He asked about random patrol and if mileage is reimbursed.

City Attorney reported that no date has been set for the county tax sale. It will be posted on the county web site. Bruce reported progress on Jay Bingesser's demolition project. The deadline for cleanup is March 1. Bruce suggested Eric stop by to visit with Jay.

Bruce reported on information for a change in the zoning to allow accessory buildings in the R-1 zone only, rather than the whole town. No action was taken.

Terry reported that Wilson & Co. is scheduling a survey for the sewer improvements to the industrial area. Terry is getting bids from Jim Keezer for replacing intersections. Other items discussed were the bobcat track machine renewal, water line repairs, and the KDHE semi-annual report due on the decommissioning of the industrial lagoons.

The clerk's treasurer report showed revenue of tax money received from the Osborne County Treasurer.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to waive the fees for the Downs Lions Club for April 17, for a white elephant auction. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the building contractor's licenses #15-39 and #15-40. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve a CMB (cereal malt beverage) license for Myers Sporting. Carried.

At 5:45 p.m., John moved to recess into executive session for one hour to discuss non-elected personnel with the superintendent, clerk, mayor, council, and attorney present. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

At 6:06 p.m., regular session resumed.

Mayor Brush reminded of the filing deadline for council members before noon on January 27th.

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

At 6:22 p.m., John moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

(Remaining minutes by Jennifer Brush)

7:05 council resumed regular session.

John Cary made a motion to move into exec session for 15 min. to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations with mayor and council present. Dave Hardy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7:20 council resumed regular session.

John Cary made a motion to approve new wage scale as presented. Jerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Hardy made a motion to approve BCBS premium renewal as presented. Jerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7:21 Dave Draayer made a motion to adjourn. Jerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

Wage Scale for 2015: (email from Jen Brush on 1/21/2015)

Vickie Oviatt \$16.00/hr

Terry Gradig \$17.15/hr

Eric Rose II 8.75/hr for 10 hrs/month and mileage at IRS standard mileage rate

Josh Hofflinger \$12.80/hr

Brandon Behymer \$12.80/hr

Cynthia Shanley \$9.40/hr

Bruce Berkley \$925.00/month

Ron \$235.00/month plus \$50 fuel allowance per month and \$20 for putting up/taking down flags on Main St.

Zoning – Terry Gradig \$125.00/mo