

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held January 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Jerry Knouf, Teri Cordill, David Draayer. Absent: David Hardy. Also in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Karen Niles, Cheyanne Becker, Edgar Reinert, Brian Sharp, Kathy Miller, Duane Miller, Jessie Reinert, Robert Reinert, Jim Griffith, Doug Brush, Don Heiland, Kail Schoen.

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 January 6, 2014 regular meeting. Carried.

Karen Niles, 1004 Peterman Street, was present to ask about the horse policy. She had a potential buyer for her house and asked if the buyer could have three horses. The agriculture overlay zone limits to two horses. Robert and Jesse Reinert were present and asked how this ordinance could be changed to allow for their three horses. Bruce directed them to apply for a change in zoning.

Jerry Knouf gave the Osborne County Sheriff's report for December 2, 2013 – January 1, 2014.

Mayor Brush reported that code officer Warren has had some family issues and problems. He will attend the meeting in February.

City Superintendent reported that a field check meeting with KDOT will be held January 30th at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Brush will attend. John asked Terry to check on the date scheduled for the bridge replacement.

Terry presented two quotes on replacing the doors at the memorial hall. Jerry moved, seconded by John, to accept the bid from JA Construction for memorial hall door replacement at a cost of \$2,154.00 with payment to be made from the Sypulski Trust. Carried.

Terry requested that he and Josh Hofflinger attend the March KRWA Conference. Jerry moved, seconded by John, to allow Terry Gradig and Josh Hofflinger to attend the KRWA Conference in Wichita, March 25 through March 27, 2014 and pay two nights lodging, meals, registration, and mileage. Carried.

City Clerk reported a refund of the neighborhood revitalization from the Osborne County Treasurer, for \$14,889.90. Also, Downs Enterprises had returned their mill levy funds to the general fund, \$2,067.99.

John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a building contractor's license #14-43 for David Hardy for painting. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave D., to approve plumbing/gas fitting license #14-44 for Miller Hardware and electrical license #14-45 for Miller Hardware. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve a building permit #14-01. Carried.

Mayor Brush reported that the sales tax election will be March 4. She suggested talking to people about how the money will be used.

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

Kail Schoen, Fire Chief, entered. He explained a new voice notification service that the department has subscribed to. This works well in addition to pagers.

At 6:02 p.m., John moved, seconded by Dave D., to recess into executive session for ten minutes with the mayor, council, clerk, attorney, and members of Downs Enterprises to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties such as corporations, partnerships, trust, and individual proprietorships. Carried.

At 6:12 p.m., regular session resumed. John moved that the minutes reflect that the council reviewed the Downs Enterprises annual reports. Jerry seconded. Carried. John abstained.

At 6:18 p.m., John moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

(The remaining minutes were taken by Jennifer Brush)

6:48 resumed regular session. John made a motion to accept pay raises as presented on the updated pay schedule, retroactive to January 1, 2014 and continue the BCBS coverage for full time city employees as per renewal quote dated Dec. 10, 2013. Jerry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave D. moved to adjourn at 6:51. Teri seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

