

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 16, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council present: John Bisnette, John Cary, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, and Devin Renken. Also present: Terry Gradig, Jerry Knouf, Vickie Oviatt, Evan Joy, Gary Doane, Eric Rose, and Bruce Berkley.

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

John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting. Carried.

Jerry Knouf, Osborne County law enforcement, reported on activities for the period of January 1 – February 1, 2016. Devin reported on a couple of concerns from citizens. One concern was driving in yards, and the other was speeding on the truck bypass. John C. asked if the officers could make more of a presence during morning hours.

Terry had nothing new for code enforcement. Mayor Brush asked about prioritizing the unsightly properties. John C. suggested sending out a letter to inquire if the owner would agree to donate the property.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, reported on a quote from J&S Auto for a 2003 3/4T flat bed with 129,000 miles. Following discussion, John C. moved seconded by Devin, to allow the city superintendent to purchase a 2003 Chevy ¾ ton truck from J&S Auto in the amount of \$7500.00 from water/sewer fund. Carried. Terry will contact the insurance agent. Terry will be selling the 1985 Ford truck that the summer help has been using.

Terry presented a price quote from Miller Welding Inc. for a mower with trade in. John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the city superintendent to purchase a new 72" mower for \$5,076.00 with trade in from Miller Welding Inc., from the parks and cemetery funds. Carried.

Terry presented a product quote from Bobcat of Salina for a snowblower that he had operated on a trial basis, \$7,091.00.

Terry reported that the city crew has been replacing water lines during the nice weather. New water samples for lead testing are being sent in.

Bruce reported that Taylor Rippe, R&R Refuse, has decided to continue doing his own billing.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to waive the memorial hall fees for the American Red Cross for March 28, 2016. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by John B., to approve a Builder's license #16-39, a Plumbing license #16-40, and an Electrical license #16-41. Carried.

Council reviewed building permit applications submitted by Glennys Doane for the Community Garden. This is an area owned by Downs Enterprises located north of the nursing home on Kansas Avenue. Terry noted that the city could donate the stored PVC fencing that was donated to the city. Gary pointed out that they would like to place it on the property line with an attached wire fence. Their goal is to have an attractive fence and be in compliance. They have submitted an application for a variance on the fence. John C. read what is allowed in Agriculture zoning and noted council could look at rezoning to allow for a green house. Bruce said that the zoning was fine for the building, but the fence would need a variance. Following review, Tonya moved to approve a building permit for the plant nursery for the Community Garden and waive the fees. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to provide water hook up at no charge, to the Community Garden. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John B., to provide the donated PVC fence material to the Community Garden for use along Kansas Avenue. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to waive the variance application fee of \$35.00, and the building permit fee for the Community Garden fence. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the Special Use Permit #16-07 for Mike Foster. Carried.

Terry obtained two bids for pest control. Bids were received from Schendel Pest Control and from Ram Exterminators. Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the bid from Schendel Pest Control in the amount of \$750.00/year. Carried.

Mayor Brush reported on an email from Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., to follow up on the potential completion of the water treatment plant engineering study. She noted that the leak has stopped so it is not urgent at this time. Terry commented that Wilson wants to do the study to be ready for grant applications. John C. suggested consulting with Dave Goheen for information. Mayor Brush said that she would contact NWKP&DC concerning Housing and Water/Sewer CDBG grants for 2017.

Terry checked the memorial hall and found it left unclean after being used by 4-H, stuff on the counters, crumbs, and foot traffic on the floor. He has ordered new locks and key sets. There was discussion. Council wanted clarification that the Arts Council is not being kicked out, but things just need to be picked up and organized. It was agreed that Mayor Brush, Devin, and Tonya would meet with the Arts Council.

Tonya is researching the possibility of a grant through the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for the swimming pool.

Council reviewed the Public Water Supply Inspection report and recommendations received from Dan Braun, KDHE Northwest District Office, Hays.

Mayor Brush shared information from the Kansas Food Bank Community Relations Manager concerning the USDA Summer Food Service Program for kids.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the vouchers and payroll as presented. Carried.

At 6:46 p.m., John B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk