

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 17, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, Jerry Knouf, David Hardy, David Draayer. Also in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Cathy Shellito, Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Vickie Oviatt, Edgar Reinert, Evan Joy, Tonya Kuhn, Kyle Alflen, Lane Elmore.

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

Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2015 with correction. Carried. Teri abstained.

City Attorney reported that the county tax foreclosure sale will be March 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m. in the Osborne County court house court room.

City Attorney asked about having a city wide clean up. Council tentatively set the dates of April 11<sup>th</sup> with rain date of April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Hardy entered.

Animal control officer was not in attendance. Mayor Brush announced that dog tags are due prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

City Superintendent reported that he had emailed to the council a response from Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., concerning the proposed sewer line.

Terry also had visited with Wilson & Co., about the 181 project due to begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Terry presented demolition bids from Schlaefli Construction for the three structures on the tax foreclosure list. The trailer house on Peterman amount would be \$600.00; two story house on Osborne @ \$3,500.00; and the Kiper building on Beale Street @ \$3500.00. No action was taken.

Terry presented quotes from Keezer Construction for additional intersections and sidewalks. Commercial & Morgan (east side) \$20,824.00; Commercial & Morgan (west side) \$17,030.20; Railroad & Morgan (east side) \$20,788.00; Railroad & Morgan (west side) \$17,968.75; Commercial Street (east side intersection of Morgan) \$28,713.75; East sidewalk on Morgan to railroad tracks to handicap ramp on Railroad Street \$4,800.00; West sidewalk on Morgan to railroad tracks to handicap ramp on Railroad Street \$3,600. Terry noted that there was no quote; however, Commercial and Third Street is also deteriorated and estimated repairs would be \$16,500.00.

John asked Terry to tidy up the landscaping at the memorial hall by removing the dead tree and bushes before the event on March 1.

Mayor Brush reported that the Chamber will be using the clinic parking lot on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> for a hamburger feed following their fun run.

City Clerk reported that information was received from NWKP&DC for 2015 grant application preparation.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to waive the memorial hall fees for the American Red Cross blood drive on March 10, 2015. Carried.

Mayor Brush suggested the council waive the fees for demolition of some of these unsightly structures. She pointed out that the applicant would still be required to fill out the application and be approved, but the payment would be waived. John moved, seconded by Teri, to waive all demolition fees until October 1, 2015. Teri, Dave H., John, Jerry – Yes; Dave Draayer – No. Motion carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve demolition permit #15-01 and refund the fee. Carried.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve building permit #15-02. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve special use permits #15-02, #15-03, and #15-04. Carried.

Council will decide on a pool ad at the next meeting.

Dave H. reported that he has received information on equipment needed at the medical clinic which he will review for the next meeting.

Mayor Brush reported that she has tried twice to contact Eric Rose II. He has never returned her call. She suggested moving forward with a replacement.

Mayor Brush has entered a photo in the League of Kansas Municipalities' photo contest. Winners will be chosen based on the number of likes the photo receives on the League's Facebook page. The winner will get their photo placed on the cover of the Kansas Government Journal.

Mayor Brush thanked Devin, Tonya, and John, who have filed for city council positions, for attending and for their interest.

Council reviewed the vouchers and payroll. Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the payroll and vouchers as presented. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Teri, to add Dalton Remus to the fire department roster to replace Floyd Harris who has retired. Carried.

At 6:04 p.m., John moved, seconded by Jerry, to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss confidential trade secrets of third parties with the mayor, council, attorney, and clerk present. Carried.

At 6:23 p.m., regular session resumed. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

