

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 19, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at city hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Evan Joy, Charlie Stevens, Devin Renken, and Tonya Kuhn. Jane VanDonge was absent. Others in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Kent Sullivan, Kail Schoen, and Ron Duran.

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

Devin moved, Tonya seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting as submitted. Carried.

Devin reported that a citizen had requested a 30-day extension to clean up. Following discussion, Evan moved to grant a 30-day extension to Ron Johnson to remove his vehicle. Charlie seconded. Carried.

City Attorney asked the council to review the draft Personnel Policy Manual which was updated by the League.

Kail Schoen, Fire Chief, was present to request council approval to remain a member of the North Central Task Force #1. Following discussion, Tonya moved to allow the Downs Fire Department to remain a member of the North Central Task Force #1. Carried. Devin abstained.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to waive the fees for the Lions Club for the annual White Elephant auction, on April 5, 2019.

City Superintendent, Kent Sullivan, reported that MC800 oil for streets has been ordered. The snow blower is on the tractor, ready for snow removal. Sweeper parts will be ordered. They are repairing water leaks. Council reviewed the arrangement with Abram Ready Mix for crushing concrete. Kent is checking prices on crushing the riprap.

Employment applications are being taken until March 1, 2019, and will be reviewed March 4, 2019.

Kent asked for any decisions on city decals. Tonya will check on the appropriate font to be used.

Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to purchase a Model PK6560V Air Compressor from North Central Air for \$689.00, trading in the old one. Carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Tonya, to purchase a portable Generator/Welder/Compressor at \$4385.00 from north Central Air with ½ from the General Fund and ½ from the Water Fund. Carried. Devin abstained.

Mayor Bisnette and Evan had attended the grant workshop in Topeka earlier today and delivered the state contracts of Project #19-PF-014. Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the Community Development Block Grant contracts and condition letter. Carried.

A letter regarding the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund loan agreement procurement process was reviewed. All requirements have been met and the loan agreement is now considered executed. Funds can be disbursed as project costs are incurred and submitted to KDHE.

Devin asked if there was an update to the auxiliary buildings by the planning commission. Mayor Bisnette said that they had met in January to bring new members up to date.

Charlie noted that there will be changes to the CMB licenses in April. Bruce is reviewing ordinances.

Evan asked Bruce about the land survey. Bruce said that it has been completed but no results have been received.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed. Devin moved to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Tonya seconded. Motion carried.

At 6:56 p.m., Tonya moved to adjourn the meeting. Evan seconded the motion. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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John Bisnette, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk