

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held March 2, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Jerry Knouf, Teri Cordill, David Draayer, David Hardy. Also in attendance: John Bisnette, Evan Joy, Cathy Shellito, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Terry Gradig, LaRhea Cole, Ron Duran, Devin Renken.

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

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2015. Carried.

Jerry gave the law enforcement report for the period of February 1, 2015 – March 1, 2015.

City Attorney, Bruce Berkley, reported that the dead line for Jay Bingesser's property clean up at 717 Hadley was March 1. Council agreed to have Bruce send another letter to advise that the property should be cleaned up immediately or the city would raze the structure and assess the cost. Terry will get an estimate from Ron Schlaefli. Bruce reviewed the code, noting that since there is currently no code enforcement officer, the mayor is public officer.

Dave H. entered.

Council discussed the upcoming tax foreclosure sale March 23, 2015. Bruce suggested an executive session to discuss acquisition of property.

Ron Duran reported on animal control activity. He had issued some verbal warnings and one written warning for dogs. Teri asked how many dogs one person can have and was advised that two adult is the limit. Mayor Brush reminded that dog tags are due prior to May 1. Ron asked about the requirements for code enforcement and said that he might be interested in the position.

City Superintendent reported that inspection and maintenance is needed on the nitrate analyzer. Calgon quoted a price of \$4,000.00 for a field engineer. John moved, seconded by Dave H., to allow the city superintendent to spend up to \$4,000.00 for a field inspection of the nitrate plant with the money from water account. Carried.

Terry also reported that 220' of sewer line needs replaced in the 700 block of Ray. The city crew has cleaned out the trees and trash in the area. Jim Keezer quoted \$175.00/hour to replace the line and Pat Ziegler quoted \$220.00/hour. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to allow the city superintendent to spend up to \$3500.00 for sewer repair on 700 block of Ray with money from the sewer fund. Carried.

Terry reported that Wayne Miner has completed 18 hours of the 30 approved for tree trimming and asked if council wanted to approve additional time. Council agreed to stop at the approved 30 hours.

Terry presented information and prices to replace a lifeguard chair. He will contact the insurance company for their approval. Action tabled.

Terry reported that Jim Keezer would like to purchase the old 3-5" quartzite rock from the tree dump at \$15.00/Ton. John moved, seconded by Dave H., to allow the purchase of the 3-5" quartzite for \$15.00/Ton. Carried.

Terry reported that he and the clerk had reviewed electric bills. Some were switched to temporary use to save costs. Terry will check with the insurance company to see if a land line phone is needed at the memorial hall or city shop.

Jerry presented two names for possible library board members, Jennifer Bowles and Joyce Henke. Action was tabled for more information.

Jerry left the meeting.

Terry asked about doing additional intersections. Council appreciated the estimates, but there are other priorities at this time. John suggested waiting to see what the sales tax generates and what annexation brings in. Possibly the Freda Collar Trust could fund the sidewalks on the east and west side of Morgan. Mayor Brush asked that the rotated side street sealing that is done each year also be continued. Terry said that he has plenty of chat and oil to do that this year.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to waive the memorial hall fees April 10 – April 12<sup>th</sup> for the After Prom Party. Carried.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a special use permit #15-05. Carried. John abstained.

John moved to approve a builder's contractor license #15-41. Dave H. seconded. Carried.

Mayor Brush reported on the annexation progress. She has mailed the proposed extension of utility services to John Riggs, with an explanation of the potential change in the north side improvements, following mapping and more exact cost estimates from Wilson & Co.

Mayor Brush said that an agreement for landowners is being drafted. The proposed agreement will include their willingness not to protest annexation in exchange for concessions from the city. She said by state law the property will be protected from any changes from what they are doing now. The city will work with the landowner to get the correct zoning for their protection.

Mayor Brush asked what concessions the council would consider giving the land owners who agree to not contest. For example, would council consider rebating the city tax increase in taxes for 2015? There might be additional concessions they would like and Mayor Brush will bring these to council for consideration, but this is a place to start. Her thought was to take this agreement to the land owner and get feedback from them. She asked the council to give this thought for two weeks and when they reach a consensus, take the agreement to the land owners.

Dave H. reviewed the equipment requests for the Downs Clinic. Baby scales have been ordered from Miller Hardware. Equipment prices were reviewed for the office chair, file cabinet, diaper station, adult

scales, and floor protector. John moved, seconded by Teri, to allow Dave H., Chairman of the Medical Committee, to spend up to \$1400.00 for items at the medical clinic from the general fund. Carried.

Teri reported that the lifeguard recertification class schedule has been posted at the school. Ads for applications will be placed in the paper and on cable. Teri moved, seconded by John, to place an ad in the paper for applications for pool and for part time city crew help on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>, with the applications due by noon on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Carried.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush – Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt – Clerk