

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held March 5, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Justin Towery presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Devin Renken, John Bisnette, and Tonya Kuhn. Others in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Ron Duran, Vickie Oviatt, Darrin Stokes, Rod Schoen, Ann Schoen, LaRhea Cole.

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

John moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting. Carried.

Deputy Darren Stokes presented the law enforcement report of activities for the period of February 1, 2018 – March 1, 2018. There was discussion. Jane asked Darren for the amount of time spent patrolling in Downs. Darren said that this record is not kept.

Ron Duran, Animal Control, had no written report. He reported on the party with three dogs. Bruce asked council if they would approve the dogs being tagged where no one lives. Ron will see if the dog can live at the house on Railroad. Ron asked council to consider amending the ordinance to allow three dogs. There was discussion. John moved to table the dog ordinance until April. Devin seconded. Carried.

Rod and Ann Schoen, new applicants, were present for a special use permit for a golf cart. Bruce reviewed the rules of operation. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to approve special use permits #18-12 through #18-16. Carried.

City Superintendent is keeping in touch with Cawker City regarding water issues. The city crew will be starting on the sidewalk at the new ballfields. Wayne Miner is doing tree trimming when weather allows.

Terry reported that the sludge has been removed at the lagoons, with a few more hours than was estimated, at a total of \$11,785.11. Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., will update Eric Staab, KDHE, with the decommissioning progress.

Council agreed to allow the Storytelling campers to use city electricity at the Whiteway.

Terry discussed fencing for the new ballfields along first and third base lines. Council advised to apply for a grant.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve builder license #18-36. Carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to approve demolition permit #18-04. Carried.

Council discussed water and sewer rates. Evan moved to approve option #2 rates with water minimum at \$19.50/month and sewer minimum at \$22.50/month effective with the July 1<sup>st</sup> billing. Devin seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bruce was directed to draft the ordinance.

Terry will review the ballfield lease agreement terms with Doug at Scoular. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to table the lease agreement termination. Carried.

Tonya had presented information on time clocks. Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to purchase two Pyramid Time Trax EZ Series at \$279.99/each. Carried.

Devin presented an outline of what has been discussed regarding changes to the nuisance vehicle codes. There was lengthy discussion with the city attorney. Clerk was instructed to request that Deputy Jerry Knouf attend a meeting to present an update on the progress of the investigation.

Tonya reported that she had applied for, and received, a \$1,000.00 grant for city-wide cleanup. No date has been set for the community wide clean up, but possibly the week following the Lions Club auction. The Chamber has received a \$5,000.00 grant for trash cans. Tonya will be completing a grant application for the school crossing lights. Pool Committee members have been placed ads for pool and summer help.

Tonya completed the review of financial statements prior to the 2017 audit, as per the new policy implemented.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed and signed. John moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 7:01 p.m., John moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Justin Towery, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

