

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held March 7, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, John Cary. Also present: LaRhea Cole, Terry Gradig, Ron Duran, Vickie Oviatt, Dale Goheen, Bruce Berkley, and Evan Joy.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2016. Carried.

Marcus Betzold, Osborne County Sheriff's Department, gave the law enforcement report for the period of February 1, 2016 to March 1, 2016.

Terry had nothing to report for code enforcement.

Bruce discussed the ordinance that he had prepared to amend the ATV/Golf Cart Ordinance, by adding Section 15 to provide for a Dealer Permit. Action was tabled.

Ron Duran reported that there has been an occasional dog loose. Dog tags will be due prior to May 1. Ads are being placed in the Downs News, on cable channels, and on water bills.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, reported on the progress of his application to the Bureau of Reclamation to extend Railroad Avenue. He should hear something back by the end of March.

Terry asked about ordering quartzite rock for street sealing. 22 blocks were completed last year and he would like to do 30 this year. Following discussion, John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the city superintendent to purchase 300 T. of quartzite rock in the amount of \$11,970.00 to be taken from Special Highway fund. Carried.

Terry reported that he is working on completing the grass seeding and man hole rings for the sewer improvement project. They have replaced eight water lines on west Division and found two leaking.

Terry, Mayor Brush, and Teri met at the water plant with Dave Goheen for his opinion on the maintenance and future action of the ISEP. Dave suggested tearing it apart, cleaning, and rebuild. John C. said that the KDHE representative in Hays suggested installing individual units in each home if there are fewer than 1,000 customers. Terry plans to check on options while attending the KRWA conference later this month.

Terry asked the council if they wanted to pursue sidewalk replacement on Morgan at the railroad tracks. Mayor Brush thought this would be good to do before celebration. Terry said that the quotes received last year were still good. The east side would be

\$4,800.00 and the west side, \$3600.00. Council suggested also checking on a repair price for the intersection and in front of city hall.

Terry reported that the locks have been replaced at the memorial hall. Mayor Brush, Devin, Tonya, and Terry, met with the Arts Council concerning their storage. Sherry Knouf said that she is working on it. Arts Council had a few suggestions as well, such as having a week end rental rate and changing the rental contract time. John C. suggested contacting the Memorial Hall Committee for input as well, and also to see if they want to pursue redoing the front of the hall. Rotary may also be looking at a grant to replace the concrete. Nadine Sigle would be a contact for the Dane Hansen grants. It was decided to invite these representatives to attend the next meeting.

Terry reported that he has ordered spray for the stickers in the parks. He said that the lagoons cannot be sold until recommissioned. Council agreed for Dale Goheen to continue farming there to maintain the area.

Two applications were received for seasonal employment. Terry would like to see each of the applicants return.

Ads will be placed for pool employment and for code enforcement.

Setting a time for city wide cleanup was discussed.

The planning commission had conducted public hearings. City Attorney reviewed the planning commission's recommendations for RV living. Ordinance #965 was presented. There was discussion. Teri said that she has a real problem limiting the number of days per year. She would rather see a 30 day limit rather than the 14 day limit as presented. Dale Goheen commented that with this limit, there are a couple of people that maybe won't move to town. Following review, John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve Ordinance #965 with the change from 14 days to 30 days per calendar year. Carried unanimously.

City Attorney reviewed the planning commission's recommendations concerning the zoning map. Ordinance #966 was introduced, rezoning lots 31-36 inclusive, Block 15, OT, from R-1 to C-1 zone. Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to pass ordinance #966. Carried. John C. abstained.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve special use permits #16-08, #16-09, #16-11, #16-10, and #16-12. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve special use permit #16-13. Carried. John C. abstained.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve builder's license #16-42. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve building permit #16-03. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John B., to approve building permit #16-04. Carried. John C. abstained.

Mayor Brush reported that Corina Cox, NWKP&DC, would be attending the next regular meeting to discuss grants for water and housing.

Teri, Pool Chairman, and Terry will do a walk through at the pool for a maintenance review.

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

At 6:52 p.m., John C. moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

(Remaining minutes were taken by Jennifer Brush)

7:11 pm regular session resumed. Tonya made a motion to allow the city superintendent to hire John Hudson and Devin Bergman for summer crew help, at the pay wage scale presented. Devin Renken seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 7:12 pm Teri made a motion to adjourn. Devin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Wage scale: John Hudson \$10 per hour and Devin Bergman \$9 per hour, for temporary summer help.

Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk