

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held March 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn, John Bisnette, Teri Cordill. John Cary was absent. Also in attendance: Corina Cox, Justine Benoit, Edgar Reinert, Vickie Oviatt, Terry Gradig, and Evan Joy.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brush and she led in the flag salute.

Tonya noted a correction to the minutes. Teri moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016 with correction. Carried.

Corina Cox, NWKP&DC, presented handouts and information on water improvement project grants and housing projects. Grant application deadlines will be disclosed at the workshop scheduled for April 26th in Hays. Corina discussed the CDBG requirements, a timeline for gathering information, the rating point system, and matching funds. Council is looking at options for the ISEP water treatment plant and the unsafe and dilapidated housing.

Terry had nothing to report on code enforcement. Mayor Brush asked about the four locations without water. There was discussion.

Terry presented a cost for an additional lifeguard stand. Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to allow the city superintendent to purchase an additional lifeguard stand for the pool at \$1,628.00 plus \$140.00 shipping, from the general fund. Carried.

Terry reported that Jim Keezer's schedule would not allow him to do the concrete work at the pool for this season.

Terry reported that rock has been delivered for street sealing. They are continuing to work on water line replacement. Pre-emergent, for stickers, has been applied at city locations. Terry said the water plant is still up and running but he cannot run well #8 because of the high nitrate content. He is pumping from the remaining two, wells #7 and #9.

Terry asked about scheduling Johnson Service to do additional 10,000' of sewer jetting in May. John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the city superintendent to schedule an appointment with Johnson Service to have the sewer lines jetted at a cost of \$6,500.00 from the sewer fund. Carried.

Council discussed city wide cleanup. It was decided to schedule it for April 11 – April 15th. A dumpster will be placed at the shop for drop-off, or call the city office for assistance with pick up.

City Clerk reported receipt of a corrected real estate tax statement for the clinic and a refund of \$14,834.77.

Council reviewed the submitted building permit applications. Council asked Terry for clarification on material to be used for the Terry Craig house/garage. Terry has approved the materials to be used and said that shipping containers are not allowed in town. Following discussion, Tonya moved, seconded by Devin to approve building permits #16-06, #16-07, #16-08, #16-09. Carried.

City Attorney had prepared ordinance #967. Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to pass Ordinance #967. Carried. Devin abstained.

Devin suggested that the council consider an RV park where the city lots have been offered for sale. Terry mentioned the possibility of the lots on Commercial Street.

John B. had contacted Janice Boland, Osborne County Ambulance Director, concerning an ambulance schedule for Downs. No schedule has been received since last October. Janice said that no one was scheduled for Downs in March due to injuries. She didn't answer about the other months. Mayor Brush noted the city is paying \$1500.00 a month for coverage.

Mayor Brush reported that she has received a letter of resignation from Frances Meyeres from the Board of Zoning Appeals effective April 5, 2016. Teri moved, seconded by John B., to accept the resignation of Frances Meyeres effective April 5, 2016, from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Carried.

Vouchers and payroll were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by John B., to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Carried.

At 6:52 p.m., John B. moved, seconded by Tonya, to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

