

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held April 2, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Justin Towery presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn. John Bisnette was absent. Others in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Ron Duran, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Brady Cline, Joel Hardy, Duane Miller, Kathy Miller, Doug Baetz, Toren Wolters, Drake DeBolt.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 19, 2018. Carried.

Brady Cline and Joel Hardy, Fire Department, were present to update the council on the Forestry truck expenses. Brady noted that they were approximately \$4500.00 over the planned expenses as they had no idea of what they were needing. Jane explained that any expense over \$500.00 needs to be preapproved by the city council. The department is looking for a pumper truck, which they were previously approved for \$20,000.00. There was discussion. Council took a break to look at the newly equipped Forestry truck.

Duane and Kathy Miller, and Doug Baetz were present regarding a building permit application. Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to approve building permit #18-07. Carried.

Ron Duran, Animal Control, reported that a dog he impounded will be adopted out. He is trapping skunks.

Terry reported that the county has received a grant for tire disposal. The county collection starts May 22-26.

Terry reported that Scoular gave the go ahead to remove all items from the ballfield area.

Council agreed for Wilson and Co. to prepare a KDOT Geometric Improvement application for Phase II of improvements to K-181 from Osborne Street to Delay Street.

Terry will be obtaining quotes on the memorial hall roof for the next meeting.

Terry reported that Downs Care and Rehab had some changes, and the state is involved. They are requesting a two-week extension to their water account. Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to give Downs nursing home an extension on their March water bill until April 16th. Carried.

Mayor Towery appointed Dale Goheen to the Planning Commission. Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the mayor's appointment of Dale Goheen to the planning commission to fill Evan Joy's unexpired term. Carried.

Evan moved to approve special use permit #18-22. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. Tonya abstained.

Devin moved to approve electrical license #18-37. Tonya seconded. Carried.

Tonya moved to approve building permit #18-05. Devin seconded. Carried.

Evan moved to approve building permit #18-06 and waive the fees for USD 272. Tonya seconded. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to approve changes in the city clerk's health insurance plan as presented. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to hire Landon Lampkin as pool manager and Trystan Schlaefli and Kelli Hennes as assistant managers and ask them to attend the next meeting to discuss wages and further responsibilities. Carried.

Council discussed auxiliary buildings. Devin suggested that if someone wants to build something, it should be allowed as the tax base needs an increase. Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to request that the Planning Commission make a recommendation on accessory/auxiliary buildings. Carried.

The Industrial Promotion tax levy was discussed and uses. Bruce will review the ordinances relating to the fund.

Council directed Bruce to prepare a nuisance vehicle ordinance, with the changes discussed, for the next meeting.

Devin reported that the dog ordinance discussion is tabled until John is back.

Jane reported that Mandy, Chamber President, had emailed that the new trash containers were received.

Jane moved, seconded by Devin, to sell the wheat that is stored at Scoular Grain and put the money in the Park & Rec Fund. Carried. Terry and Mayor Towery will contact Scoular Grain.

Devin had received a complaint on the train blocking main street too long which violates a state statute. The sheriff's office can be called in these instances.

An email from Chamber regarding security cameras was distributed.

Vouchers were approved and signed. Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve vouchers and payrolls. Carried.

At 7:19 p.m., Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, hiring summer help, with the council, mayor, superintendent, clerk, and city attorney present. Carried.

At 7:34 p.m., regular session resumed.

Tonya moved, seconded by Jane, to hire John Hutson for summer mowing crew, and Kyle Alflen at 20/hours a week or as needed. Carried.

At 7:35 p.m., Tonya moved to adjourn the meeting. Evan seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Justin Towery, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk