

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held April 3, 2017, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, John Cary, Devin Renken. Also in attendance: Terry Gradig, Evan Joy, Bruce Berkley, Ron Duran, Sheri Naasz, Jerry Knouf.

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

Teri moved, seconded by John B., to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting. Carried.

Sheri Naasz, Cushing Insurance Agency, presented the city insurance renewal coverages effective April 1, 2017. Following review, John C. moved to approve the city insurance renewal with Cushing Insurance at \$37,595.00. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried. Mayor Brush reported that she had checked with Sheri concerning the question Terry had about cell phone damage. City insurance does not cover something it does not own. Also, there would be the deductible amount of \$500.00.

Deputy Jerry Knouf presented the law enforcement report of activities for the period of March 1, - April 1, 2017. Sheriff Miner and Jerry are continuing their review of the abandoned vehicles on properties.

Terry Gradig reported that he had responded to a written complaint of trash, at 501 Ross, with a door hanger notice. Terry said that the owner of the property on east Ray is making progress. City Attorney, Bruce, reported that a notice was sent regarding the nuisance property on west Railroad with an April 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for cleanup.

Bruce reported that he is forming a grant committee to provide information for a grant application for Memorial hall improvements. They will be meeting at the memorial hall, April 9, at 4:00 p.m.

Bruce reminded council there are only three months until the filing deadline for the council and mayor positions.

Animal Control Officer Ron Duran reported on activities. He had no written report this meeting. Phone possibilities were discussed.

City Superintendent discussed information he had received from Union Pacific regarding the white-way property and the fencing requirement. Terry presented two options for fencing, a PVC rail fence or wire fencing. Following discussion, it was agreed for Mayor Brush, Terry, and John C., to make a conference call to Union Pacific on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Devin entered and took his seat.

Terry had contacted Doug Goetz and Brian Spano, Wilson & Co., concerning the water plant. Terry plans to attend the April 12th Cawker City council meeting. Wilson & Co. will discuss water issues.

Terry reported on prices to resurface the parking lot by the library. It would be \$1170.00 for oil and rock, plus the city crew labor. He will give the Sr. Center advance notice for parking. John

C. moved, seconded by Devin, to authorize the city superintendent to resurface the north parking lot at the library. Carried.

Terry reported that he had checked the clinic after the rains. He had contacted Jim Keezer about possible repairs.

The 1985 Ford pickup will be listed for sale on Purple Wave Auction, as well as two fire trucks. John C. said the fire department hopes to have the new tire truck in service on Monday.

Terry reported that the 9030 loader needs new tires. Council advised to check on new/used prices to replace the loader.

Terry presented information on the ballfield rehabilitation progress.

Terry reported on vandalism at the memorial park and asked if the council wished to press charges. There was discussion.

City Clerk reported on information from Randy Hrabe, NWKP&DC, regarding the upcoming grant workshops for the community development block grant program.

Council reviewed Ordinance #978. Bruce will proceed with changes and corrections.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to waive the memorial hall fees for the Kansas Storytelling Festival, April 25-30, 2017. Carried.

John C moved to approve a tree trimming license #17-41. Teri seconded the motion. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve special animal permits for Wendell Brummer, Jim/Diana Keezer, Ann Garey, and Carla Naasz Schlatter. Carried.

Seasonal employment applications were reviewed. Terry noted that his wife had applied. Bruce said that the city has no policy, but read the code on incompatibility.

Devin reported that he had received a verbal complaint of children's basketball goals being placed next to the street. Bruce advised that this is no different than placing a trash can there every week.

Devin had checked with a few other towns in the area for their security deposit amounts. There was discussion regarding sufficient coverage.

Teri questioned if there had been anything decided on building a structure on vacant lots. It was noted that the Planning Commission had presented a proposal to the council in the past. The council returned it to the Planning Commission. It was then voted on by the Planning Commission to make no further recommendations at this time. John C. noted that John Riggs advises this restriction to protect people's property values and the people expect their properties to be protected.

Teri moved, seconded by Devin, to reimburse lifeguards for certifications for 2017, if hired. Carried. Lifeguard applications are still being accepted.

Mayor Brush reported that she had ran an ad for the change to monthly water billing. She had sold the city grain at the elevator.

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

At 7:47 p.m., John C. moved, seconded by John B., to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Carried.

(remaining minutes taken by Jennifer Brush)

8:13 p.m. council resumed regular session. Tonya made a motion to offer the assistant pool manager position to Kelli Hennes for \$8.75/hr and to offer the summer crew employment to John Hudson for \$10.25/hr. Teri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8:15 p.m. John Cary made a motion to adjourn. Tonya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk