

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held April 4, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, John Bisnette, and Devin Renken. Also in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Ron Duran, Sheri Naasz, Judy Fiala, Kathy Begnoche, Gene Begnoche, Edgar Reinert, Don Heiland, Loren Hodge, Evan Joy, John Riggs, Paul Brohman, Tom Boller, Jerry Knouf, Doug Brush, Ray DeBey, Brian Sharp, Jim Cary, Bill Cushing, Richard Boxum, Duane Miller, Kathy Miller, Stan Albrecht, Teresa Albrecht, Greg Parsons, and Leon Kuhn.

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

Teri moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting as submitted. Carried. John C. abstained.

Judy Fiala and Sheri Naasz, Cushing Insurance Agency Inc., were present to review the 2016 renewal with Employers Mutual Insurance Company. The total annual premium was listed at \$35,810.00. Sheri read the renewal line by line, a couple of coverage changes were addressed. Sheri also noted that EMC is offering Data Compromise and Identity Recovery and Cyber Coverage this year. She reviewed the CyberSolutions package. Action was tabled for further review.

Loren Hodge, Osborne County Sheriff's Department, presented the law enforcement activity report for the period of March 1, 2016 through April 1, 2016.

Ron Duran gave the animal control report. He will be reviewing animal permit applications and dog tags. He is trapping cats but can only impound two per week at the clinic.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve special use permits #16-14 and #16-15. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve renewal licenses #16-43 and #16-44. Carried.

Terry discussed sidewalk replacement by the railroad tracks on Morgan Ave. John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to allow the city superintendent to proceed with repairs to the west sidewalk on Morgan Ave., between Railroad Avenue and the railroad tracks at a cost of \$3400.00 from the general fund. Carried.

Terry is checking with Cawker City and Glen Elder about possibly sharing the purchase of a sewer jetting trailer.

Terry reported that the requested Special Use Permit was received from the Bureau of

Reclamation. When executed, the permit will grant authorization of the Railroad Avenue extension across federal land.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Brush called the public hearing to order for the purpose of hearing comment on the proposal for annexation of areas north of Highway 24. Mayor Brush reminded citizens of importance of city growth. She said that the resolution has been published for unilateral annexation, all the plans, reports, and maps were made available at the city office for inspection and review. Mayor Brush then asked Mr. John Riggs, Planner, to give an overview of the process. Mr. Riggs reviewed the conditions permitting annexation. The properties proposed are Tract 1. Jason's LLC; Tract 2. Brian R. Sharp; Tract 3. Gene Begnoche and Kathy Begnoche; Tract 4. Duane A. Miller and Kathy M. Miller. The tracts are each proposed for annexation under authority of K.S.A. 12-520 (6). The tracts are already served by city water, while sewer can be extended as necessary. Estimated costs for utility extensions were included with maps showing services. Following this review by Mr. Riggs, Mayor Brush asked for any comments. Council heard comment from property owners and concerned citizens concerning the costs to extend services, the amount of expected tax revenue, zoning codes, and sales tax. Council President John Cary explained the motivation behind the annexation including the effort to lower the mill levy, along with fairness. Following the comment time, Mayor Brush called the hearing to a close at 7:15 p.m.

City Superintendent reported that Wilson & Co. will attend the next regular meeting to discuss the water plant. Terry will ask about the option to install a filter system in each home.

Terry will update Eric Staab, Bureau of Water, on the progress at the industrial lagoons.

An Ordinance annexing land into the corporate limits of the city, including Exhibit A describing the land was considered. John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to pass Ordinance #968. John B., Tonya, Teri, and John C. – Yes. Devin – No. Motion carried.

Mayor Brush thanked Mr. Riggs for attending the hearing. He said that these things are never easy, but the council is headed in the right direction.

John B. reported on the ambulance schedules from the Osborne County Ambulance Director, Janice Boland. Janice will be attending a future meeting to update the council.

John B. presented comments he had received from Priscilla Brillhart regarding the rules and upkeep at the Memorial Hall. There was discussion.

Teri reported that she had visited with Cushing Insurance about insurance on the pool, and about the specs for a slide.

John C. reported that he was absent from the last meeting due to his attendance at the National Fire Academy. He learned a lot and his attendance is appreciated.

Mayor Brush thanked the past and present council members for their work on annexation.

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

At 7:55 p.m., John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to recess into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Carried.

(Remaining minutes were taken by Jennifer Brush)

8:40pm Regular session resumed. Teri moved to hire Josh Arnoldy as pool manager and Sage Schlaefli as assistant manager for the 2016 season, at a wage scale as presented, and allow the manager to hire the other lifeguards. Devin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. John B. made a motion to ask Vickie, along with the mayor, to draft and send a letter to the code enforcement applicants, with a brief job description and hours required, to see if they were still interested in the position. They can respond with a phone call to the city office to set up an interview. Tonya seconded. Motion passed unanimously. 8:41pm Tonya moved to adjourn. John B. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Wage scale for pool employees:

Manager Josh Arnoldy \$8

Assistant Manager Sage Schlaefli \$7.80

Returning guards - Madison, MaKinlie, Tristin \$7.50

First year guard Adrianna \$7.35

Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk