

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held April 7, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, David Hardy, Teri Cordill, David Draayer. Jerry Knouf was absent. Also attending: Terry Gradig, Courtney Schoen, Bruce Schoen, Cathy Shellito, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Judy Fiala, Bill Cushing, Howard Cary, Jim Cary, Brian Sharp, Penny Sumpter, Edgar Reinert, Josh Shellito, Ron Duran, LaRhea Cole, Ray DeBey, Frances Meyeres, Evan Joy, Pam Maier, Heather Hancock, Nyla Powell, Kenny Lee, Darrin Darnell, Savana Brush, and Kelsi Smith.

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

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2014 regular meeting. Carried.

Judy Fiala, Cushing Insurance Agency, reviewed the changes made to the city insurance and presented a final premium after changes of \$36,990.00.

City Attorney reported that he will be contacting the railroad regarding a new contact person as the former contact has retired. He had been working with the railroad about the condition of the former Railroad Inn structure.

Animal Control Officer, Ron Duran, asked if the council had given thought to hiring a person to take his place when he is out of town. Mayor Brush said that the council is not wanting to hire an assistant animal control officer.

Terry Gradig, City Supt., reported that rip rap is being removed at the industrial lagoons. He is considering using the large lagoon for stock piling material, and also relocating the tree dump to this location. Council requested written approval from KDHE first, and that Wilson & Co. engineers be contacted. John advised checking flow direction before draining the lagoon to avoid draining on someone else's property or creating a problem for someone else.

Terry presented the Keezer Construction quotes for the additional intersections: at Hadley St. \$8,699.62; College St. \$13,750.75; Delaware St. \$11,556.25; Ross St. (east side) \$12,396.75; Ross St. (west side) \$11,458.25; Blunt St. (west side) \$12,011.75; and Blunt St. (east side) \$12,718.75. Division Street intersection was approved at the March 17 meeting @ \$13,498.75. Financing was discussed. Council will review an email from Scot Loyd regarding how other cities finance this type of project. Terry will contact KDHE for written notification regarding final deadlines to complete this project.

Terry presented a quote from Remus Plumbing, Heating & Air, for furnace options at the memorial hall. Action was tabled.

Terry reminded council of the city wide clean up to be Saturday, April 12, 2014.

Bruce reviewed the special use restrictions with new applicants Howard Cary, and Courtney Schoen. Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve special use permits #14-22 and #14-26. Carried. John abstained.

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve special use permit renewals for Deb Schoen #14-24 and Bruce Schoen #14-25. Carried.

Dave D moved, seconded by Teri, to waive fees for memorial hall for Lakeside After Prom for Friday April 11th – Sunday April 13th. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to waive and refund the memorial hall fees for the Lions Club auction, April 4th. Carried.

Pam Maier, Heather Hancock, and Nyla Powell, were present to review the Park and Rec sponsored projects, purchases, donations, and plans that are currently in the works. Their current check book balance is \$358.00. Following review, Dave D. moved to approve a request from the Park and Rec Committee for \$1500.00. Teri seconded. Carried.

Bruce reviewed the special use restrictions with new applicant Heather Hancock. John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the special use permit #14-23 for Heather Hancock. Carried.

Chairman of the Planning Commission, Bill Cushing, presented the council with an outline of the last six months discussion regarding annexation. It was the conclusion of the committee to report that they saw no way that there was going to be a voluntary result by the 15 property owners in being annexed. It has been requested that the commission also revisit the zoning regulations concerning not allowing a garage on vacant lots not adjacent to a lot with a house.

John moved to allow the mayor to sign the 2014 Annual Operation and Maintenance Assurance Statement with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism. Dave D. seconded the motion. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve a building contractor's license #14-55 for Lester Thibault. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve building permits #14-02 & #14-03. Carried.

Municipal Judge, Kenneth Lee, thanked the council for payment of dues and reported that he will be attending a continuing education training later in the month at no cost to the city.

Dave H. reported on a possible safety concern at the house east of Alta Convenience which has been partially demolished.

John reported that the farm land west of the west lagoons could possibly be put up for auction. Funds might benefit more than owning, and the city does not need to retain. There was discussion. Bruce will check with Wilson & Co. and Schwab-Eaton for a cost to survey.

A request from Glennys Doane concerning the Storytelling Festival was reviewed. John moved to allow the city superintendent to determine a location for Ken and Patty Adamek to park a small motorhome during the Storytelling with a small donation requested. Dave H. seconded the motion. Carried.

Council reviewed information from NWKP&DC pertaining to grant application preparation.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the vouchers/payroll as presented except for the tax on the Miller Welding invoice. Carried.

At 7:00 p.m., John moved to recess into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, city attorney, and city superintendent present. Teri seconded. Carried.

At 7:30 p.m., regular session resumed.

Teri made a motion to hire Alida Draayer as pool manager for \$8.10/hour and hire Kelsi Smith and Cody Burda as assistant managers for \$7.60/hour; and hire the additional returning guards at a \$.10/hour raise over previous years wage. Dave H. seconded. Carried. Dave D. abstained.

John made a motion to allow city superintendent to hire John Hutson for seasonal help on the city crew for \$8.00/hour. Teri seconded. Carried.

At 7:37 p.m., Dave H. moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave D. seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk

