

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held April 21, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Jerry Knouf, John Cary, David Draayer, David Hardy. Absent: Teri Cordill. Also present: Terry Gradig, LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt, Josh Shellito, John Shellito, Edgar Reinert, Jennifer Bergmann, Garrett Bergmann, Jared Remus, Chelsi Remus, Ron Duran, Evan Joy, Brian Sharp, Claude Warren.

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

John moved, seconded by Dave D., to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 regular council meeting. Carried. Jerry abstained.

Bruce reviewed the special use regulations with new applicants: Jennifer Bergmann, Garrett Bergmann, Chelsi Remus, and Jared Remus. Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve the special use permits #14-27, #14-28, #14-29, and #14-30. Carried.

Bruce had contacted Wilson & Co. and also Schwab-Eaton concerning the cost to survey the lagoon property. Wilson and Co. estimated \$2500.00, and Schwab-Eaton estimated \$1,000.00.

Animal Control Officer, Ron Duran, presented animal permits that he had approved and signed. John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve animal permits for Wendell Brummer, Ann Garey, Rob and Jessie Reinert, Carla Naasz, Jim and Diana Keezer. Carried.

City Superintendent, Terry Gradig, asked the council if they wanted the memorial hall furnace outside the building or inside. For the price, it was decided it should be inside. Terry will request additional quotes.

One application had been received for seasonal employment. It was determined that a driver's license would be a requirement for this position. This applicant did not have a license. It was suggested to rotate some of the pool employees to help with mowing.

Terry also reported that Osborne County had inquired about the rock at the industrial lagoons. They have a project that could possibly use the rock. Terry will contact the county and also check with Abram's for price estimates. Terry said most of the rip rap has been removed, except at the small lagoon.

Terry discussed selling the tree dump south of town and moving it to the industrial lagoon area after the lagoons are decommissioned. John said that he had contacted Jim Wolters regarding the farm land, lagoon, and tree dump area for value and best way to sell.

Dave H. moved to approve the city superintendent to move the tree dump area to the big cell lagoons west of Downs subject to Norb Windholtz, KDHE, approving the decommissioning. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

Terry discussed the repairs needed to the loader. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to allow the city superintendent to proceed with repairs to the loader with a rebuilt rear end through Miller Welding with an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. Carried. John moved to take ½ of the cost of loader repairs from street fund and ½ of the cost from water/sewer fund. Jerry seconded. Carried.

Terry asked about a decision on the intersections. They would need to be completed before May, 2015. Following discussion, John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve intersection construction to coordinate with the geometric

improvement project, allowing the city superintendent to decide which intersections, at an estimated price of \$50,000.00 in 2014 and \$50,000.00 in 2015, with funding from the street budget. Dave H., Jerry, John – Yes; Dave D. – No. Motion Carried.

Terry asked if the council would like to apply for funding improvements to the south part of Morgan as well. The application is due May 9th, and Wilson & Co., will submit at no charge. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave D., to allow Wilson & Co., to submit to KDOT the application for 2017 for continued geometric improvements from Delay Street to Osborne Street. Carried.

Terry had not heard back on information about trees for the library. He will check with a couple other places.

Terry said that Jeremy Alvis is scheduling a time to replace the memorial hall doors. Jerry noted that the south door needs painted.

Claude Warren reported that he is working on a couple of complaints, a house with trash everywhere and a vacant lot with debris. Evan Joy was present and asked about a complaint that was filed months ago but nothing had been done. He asked for clarification on the ordinance. Claude explained that at that time the city superintendent was serving as interim officer and had other priorities. Claude is now working on the case. Claude noted that he will be doing some self-initiated complaints.

City Clerk presented a quote to update the computer for the assistant city clerk.

Following discussion, Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to purchase a new computer, monitor and set up, from Computer Solutions for \$923.00, funds from the water department. Carried.

Dave H. moved, seconded by John, to approve building permit #2014-04. Carried.

Dave D. questioned, since Cunningham took over the ad program, were they going to continue the local weather information. Mayor Brush will contact them.

Jerry reported that the swimming pool opening date will be May 24th. Alida Draayer, 2014 Pool Manager, will be presenting a report on pool operations.

Mayor Brush presented a thank you note for use of the memorial hall for After Prom.

Mayor Brush reported that on an upcoming meeting with Congressman Tim Huelskamp at the Osborne County meeting room.

Mayor Brush reported on a request from Gerry Yost to purchase flowers for the gazebo during the Story Telling Festival for \$50.00. Council decided not to approve the request. Grass has been seeded in this area.

Mayor Brush said that she had attended a Chamber meeting to report on annexation. She received positive comments and will pass these on to the planning commission.

Mayor Brush and Terry Gradig had met with Downs Enterprises concerning sewer options in the industrial park.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve vouchers/payroll as presented. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

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