

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held May 7, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Justin Towery presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Devin Renken, John Bisnette, and Tonya Kuhn. Others in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Gary Doane, Dale Goheen, Tim Brush, Doug Brush, Jim Griffith.

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

John moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2018. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Devin to approve the minutes of the special meeting of April 24, 2018. Carried. Tonya abstained.

For Code Enforcement, Terry reported that he had responded to a complaint on a yard on Hadley Street.

Bruce reported that another section in the code should be amended to reflect the changes made regarding nuisance vehicles. Council instructed Bruce to prepare the ordinance.

Evan moved to approve the animal permits #18-01, #18-02, #18-03, #18-04, and #18-05. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Terry reported that the grant funds were received for the ballfield. The fence is up and the grant completed.

Terry reported that the swimming pool is being filled for the season. Wilson & Co. will attend the next meeting. A semi load of oil is needed to sealing streets. John moved, seconded by Devin to purchase a tanker load of oil, not to exceed \$13,500 for street sealing. Carried.

Terry reported that there has been an employee matter that he would like to discuss with the council. He was advised to do so in executive session.

City Clerk reported that Cushing Insurance Agency has requested approval of a Rejection Form on the terrorism insurance coverage. Devin moved to allow the mayor to sign the rejection form to exclude terrorism from the policy. Evan seconded. Carried.

Bruce Berkley, Housing Authority Board Member, presented the bi-annual PILOT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) payment from the Housing Authority in the amount of \$3131.21.

Bruce, as member of the Memorial Hall Committee, presented a summary of the projects and costs included in the Memorial Hall Safety Update and Modernization Grant Application. Following discussion, John moved, seconded by Tonya, to allow the Memorial Hall Committee to submit a grant application for the upgrades to Memorial Hall, in the amount of \$361,617.50. Carried.

Mayor Towery made the following appointments for 2018-2019: Municipal Judge-Kenneth Lee; City Clerk-Vickie Oviatt; Asst Clerk-Cynthia Shanley; Treasurer-David Draayer; Deputy Treasurer-Ron Henke; City Superintendent-Terry Gradig; Bldg Inspector & Zoning Administrator-Terry Gradig; City Attorney-Bruce Berkley. Planning Commission Members: Kabin Henke-2018-2021; Jamie Emerson-2018-2021. Zoning Board of Appeals Member: Gerald

Watts-2018-2021. Devin moved to approve the mayor's appointments. Jane seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin moved to approve builder licenses #18-39 and #18-41. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin moved to approve tree trimming license #18-40. Evan seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin moved to approve building permit #18-09. John seconded. Carried.

Tonya moved to approve CMB Special Event Permit #18-09. John seconded. Carried.

Tonya moved to approve the Chamber of Commerce requests to deliver (6/21) and pick up (after 6/23) tables for beer garden area, close streets for celebration, and put up barricades on Morgan if needed. Devin seconded. Carried.

Jane reported that Kelli Hennes had emailed about potential life guards being reimbursed for certification. Jane moved to approve, and forward to Kelli, the policy of reimbursement. Reimbursement is only upon successful completion of the course and being hired as a lifeguard. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Gary Doane was present for any questions regarding the county-wide Economic Development proposal. A sample letter of support to the county commissioners was reviewed. John moved, seconded by Devin, to submit a letter of support to the Osborne County Commissioners for the Economic Development study. Carried.

Memorial hall roof quotes were reviewed. Tonya moved to accept the bid from Knoll Building Maintenance for repairs of the memorial hall roof at \$11,025.00, with a 5% discount to be applied, from the general fund. Evan seconded the motion. Carried.

Bruce presented a revised paragraph A for the city Procurement Policy. Tonya moved to approve the updated Procurement Policy. Jane seconded. Carried. Tonya, Jane, Devin, & John – Yes; Evan – abstained.

At 6:09 p.m., Tonya moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with the mayor, council, city attorney, and members of Downs Enterprises, to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties. Evan seconded the motion. Carried.

(Remaining minutes taken by Tonya Kuhn)

Regular session resumed at 6:39

At 6:39 p.m., Tonya moved and Jane seconded to go back in to executive session for 10 minutes with the mayor, council, city attorney, and members of Downs Enterprises to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties. Passed unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 6:49 p.m. There was discussion on focusing on bringing people back with ties to the community.

Council Mayor reports: Devin-none, Evan-none, Tonya reported that we did not receive the grant for the flashing beacon at the north end of the school zone. Jane-none, John-none. Mayor-none.

Devin moved, Jane seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Passed unanimously.

John moved to go into Executive session for 10 minutes at 7:00 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with the council, mayor, city superintendent and city attorney present. Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 7:10 p.m.

Tonya moved to go back into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the council, mayor, city superintendent and city attorney present for 10 minutes. Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 7:20 p.m.

Tonya moved to go back into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the council, mayor, city superintendent and city attorney present for 10 minutes. Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

Regular session resumed at 7:30 p.m.

John moved to adjourn at 7:30 Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

Justin Towery, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

