

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held May 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, Devin Renken, Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, John Cary. Also in attendance: Ron Duran, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Devin Bergmann, LaRhea Cole, Donna Kennedy, Laura Thieme, Shannon Elmore.

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

Teri moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes with change. Carried.

Mayor Brush reviewed the golf cart restrictions with new applicant, Devin Bergmann. John C. moved, seconded by Devin to approve the special use permit #15-25. Carried.

Animal Control Officer, Ron Duran, reported that he had found a home for a small dog. He will send out notices to those not buying dog tags. He is trapping and impounding cats.

City Superintendent, Terry Gradig, had an updated price, \$2800.00, for a new pool vacuum. Council agreed to continue with their prior decision to have the vacuum repaired. Terry said that the pool is filled and ready to open.

Terry reported that Bryant and Bryant is tentatively set to start construction on 181 in June.

Terry reported that the prisoners are set to weed eat at the cemetery on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Brush asked Terry to take photos of city equipment and email them.

Mayor Brush noted that the code enforcement position remains open. John C. suggested that Terry or a crew member take an hour in the mornings to check yards.

Clerk reported that the EMC insurance audit would be May 20<sup>th</sup>.

John C. requested, for the fire department, permission to purchase a nozzle and bore tip and noted that they will be getting quotes for replacement hose as well. John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve for the Downs Fire Department to purchase one 2.5" fire attack nozzle with a 1-3/16" smooth bore tip from Weis Fire & Safety, Salina, KS in the amount of \$655.00 to be paid out of the fire department's Equipment Reserve account. Carried. John abstained.

John C. moved, seconded by John B., to approve a tree trimming license #15-46. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by John B., to approve building permit #15-12. Carried.

Laura Thieme was present for any questions on her building permit application. There was discussion concerning the type of material to be used for her fence. Following discussion, John C. moved to approve building permit #15-13 with the city superintendent's approval. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Council reviewed the Emergency Water Supply Plan. Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the renewal of the Emergency Water Supply Plan. Carried.

The code for discharge of fireworks was reviewed. No changes were made.

A letter of request to waive memorial hall fees on June 6th was considered. John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to waive the memorial hall fees for the Dawna Keever benefit. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the mayor to sign the amended annexation agreements as presented. Carried.

Terry has acquired all of the required sewer improvement easements and will have them recorded at the Register of Deeds office.

The updated GI and KLINK estimates were reviewed. John B. moved, seconded by Tonya, to have the city superintendent ask Wilson & Co., to pursue the GI applications for 2018. Carried.

Devin reviewed the proposed ordinance designating truck routes. John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to pass Ordinance #958. Carried.

A letter was received from the Downs Chamber of Commerce requesting donations for celebration. It was noted that the electricity is donated by the city. The city crew generally maintains the bathrooms and trash removal as well.

An invitation from KDHE was received for the governing body to attend an upcoming KanCap training session. KanCap is a voluntary program designed for water system governing bodies. This training will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> in WaKeeney.

Terry reported that Calgon has inspected the ISEP plant and the system may or may not have two years life expectancy. A full report had not been received.

John B. reported that he will do some checking on chairs needed in the clinic exam rooms.

Teri reported that the cement slab and picnic table donated by the former Downs National Bank employees has been installed at the Memorial Park. She reported that opening day at the pool will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Recertification fees for lifeguards have been reimbursed in the past. Teri moved, seconded by John B., to reimburse guards for recertification class upon receiving a receipt. Carried.

Tonya noted that the sorority is undecided on what projects they will do with the proposed donation to the city.

John C. suggested that the council take notice of the League's publication, Kansas Tax Rate & Fiscal Data Book, included in the March issue of the Kansas Government Journal.

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

At 6:46 p.m., John B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Teri seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk