

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held May 21, 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: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Ron Duran, Sheri Naasz, LaRhea Cole, Doug Goetz, and Brian Spano.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting. Carried.

Sheri Naasz, Cushing Insurance Agency, presented a dividend check from EMC Insurance for participation in the Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance Program. Sheri also presented the updated 2018 Renewal with requested changes. Devin moved, seconded by John to approve the 2018 renewal with Cushing Insurance with changes. Carried.

Ron Duran reported that he had sent out delinquent dog tag letters. He is trapping opossums and cats. A dog complaint was reviewed. Jane reported on her position and recommendations to Ron. She asked Ron to do his job and be consistent with impounding dogs at large. Bruce said that the officer has discretion. Ron discussed owners with more than two dogs registering their dogs at a different address and noted that the council had set a precedence in this area with allowing others to tag their dogs at a different address. Council agreed that tags can be issued, two per person, two per address.

Doug Goetz and Brian Spano, Wilson & Co., were present to review the Water Treatment Plant information that was presented to the city council in December, 2016. Doug discussed the existing facility and a summary of alternatives. Funding, grant possibilities, interest rates, and grant application timelines were discussed. Tonya moved, seconded by John, to have Wilson & Co. proceed with funding applications for a new Water Treatment Plant. Carried.

Bruce discussed an insurance claim on a fall outside the memorial hall. Bruce also had prepared an ordinance to repeal the environmental code that was in conflict with the junked motor vehicle code. Bruce will check on recodification and also for an update to the personnel manual.

Terry reported on a complaint that was received for an unkept yard. The complaint was not signed. Terry said that he is only responding when a written signed complaint is received. Tonya suggested running another ad for Code Enforcement.

Terry reported that the pool is ready for the season. The cemetery will be mowed and ready for Memorial Day. Streets have been sprayed for weeds. Lead and copper samples have been submitted. Cold mix for the streets was ordered and received. They are still working on water lines. Terry asked if council wished to proceed with the Railroad street extension. John asked that Terry present pricing for rock and materials. Terry presented drawings for street repair locations on Beale and Railroad. A street/gutter complaint that was received in 900 block of Division Street will be addressed.

Railroad crossings were addressed. John directed city attorney to send a letter to the railroad to make repairs to the intersection at Third St. and Railroad. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Clerk presented a thank you note from the Solomon Valley Transportation board and staff. Gravesite Rules prepared by Terry were distributed for new council's information. The audit engagement letter from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, & Loyd was distributed

John moved, seconded by Evan, to approve builder license #18-42. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Jane, to approve building permit #18-11. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the Emergency Water Supply Plan annual review. Carried.

Jane had visited with Kelli Hennes, Assistant Pool Manager, and they are planning to open the pool on Saturday, May 26. Twelve lifeguard applications were received. Lifeguard training will be on Wednesday, May 23. The Injury Waiver and Release Form is ready for use. There was discussion regarding rates. Jane moved, seconded by Tonya, to keep the pool rates the same as last year. Carried.

Jane reported that the pool manager had taken an online course at a cost of \$120.00. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to reimburse Landon for half the fee. Carried.

There was some discussion regarding a flashing beacon light for the school zone. Action was tabled.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by John, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as submitted. Carried.

At 7:56 p.m., John moved, seconded by Tonya, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with the subject of employee discipline, with the council, mayor, city attorney, and Kent Sullivan present. Carried.

(Remaining minutes were taken by Tonya Kuhn)

Out of executive session at 8:26 p.m. Tonya moved, and John seconded, to go back in for 10 minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with the subject of employee discipline, with the council, mayor, city attorney, and Kent Sullivan present. Passed unanimously.

Back out of executive session at 8:36 p.m. No action. Kent left.

Tonya moved, and Jane seconded, to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel employee matters with council, mayor, and attorney. Passed unanimously.

Out of executive session at 8:41 p.m. No action taken.

Jane moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Tonya seconded. Passed unanimously.

Justin Towery, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

