

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 2, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, David Draayer, Jerry Knouf. Councilman David Hardy was absent. Also present: Bruce Berkley, Edgar Reinert, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Kathy Shellito.

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

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave D., to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2014. Carried.

Sherry Knouf, librarian, thanked the council for the trees planted at the library. She presented the mayor with the 2015 budget request. Sherry asked that pool fees be waived for the summer reading program. John moved, seconded by Teri, to waive the pool fees for the library on July 30th for the summer reading program participants and family. Carried. Jerry abstained.

Bruce reviewed the special use permit rules with new applicant, Bill Berkley. Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a special use permit #14-33 for Bill Berkley. Carried.

Jerry gave the law enforcement report for the period of May 1, 2014 to June 1, 2014.

Mayor Brush reported that code enforcement has sent out letters pertaining to mowing.

City Attorney reported that the county commissioners are planning a tax foreclosure sale in three to six months. Bruce had contacted the railroad regarding the Railroad Inn structure but had no reply.

Mayor Brush reported that she had contacted the animal control officer about attending the meeting, but he was not feeling well.

City Superintendent, Terry Gradig, reported that the trees were planted at the library. A sign has been installed at the new tree dump west of town. He will attend a meeting with KDOT tomorrow regarding the 2017 geometric improvement application. Cemetery vases and flowers must be removed by June 23rd. Terry reported that he would like to refund staking and digging fees on a cremation burial that had been prepared incorrectly. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave D., to refund \$115.00, staking and digging fees for problems encountered at the cemetery. Carried.

Terry reported that he is in the process of tearing out the intersection at Delaware and plans to widen the street out on the south side.

Terry reported that Josh Hofflinger is now certified in wastewater. Teri moved to give Josh Hofflinger a fifty cent raise for wastewater certification effective 6/2/2014. Jerry seconded. Carried.

Terry said the water softener system at the water plant needs to be replaced. He will check on prices.

City Clerk reported that the auditors have recommended the city perform an annual inventory to account for fixed assets. A motion stating the policy, in lieu of the inventory, would be satisfactory. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to use the city insurance records as documentation of fixed assets and turn it over to the auditors. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve a full page ad for the Homecoming Chronicle Special Edition in the Downs News and Times. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a demolition permit #14-09. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Dave D., to approve a building permit #14-10 for Randy Dubbert. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve a special use permit #14-34. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the Downs Clinic lease agreement with Beloit Medical Group for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Carried.

Mayor Brush had made contact with Sam Schlueter, Sam Construction of Hastings, who had completed the masonry on the clinic. He will be here within the next two weeks to repair the stone.

Jerry made an announcement on behalf of the sheriff's office. He requested that citizens not call the officers at home. They should call dispatch. Also, they do not open locked car doors as a service.

Mayor Brush said that Mark Rouse, Bureau of Reclamation, would be meeting at Brush Art, Thursday, June 5th at 11:00 a.m. They will discuss possible sewer connections for the businesses in the industrial park.

Mayor Brush reported that the Schwab-Eaton firm will be surveying the farm ground west of town. John moved to sell the farm ground, 18 acres more or less, on the west side of the lagoons at auction and have Schwab-Eaton survey the property for legal description, and notify the tenant of the intent to sell the property this year. Jerry seconded. Carried.

John moved to sell the old tree dump property at auction upon legal description being determined. Jerry seconded. Carried.

Mayor Brush was thankful to Doug Brush for his update and improvements to the sign at the gazebo. Brush Art donated the graphics.

Mayor Brush proposed a change in the graphics on the pedestal water tower by modernizing the font.

Wages, for lifeguards who are doing mowing, were discussed.

Vouchers/payroll was reviewed. Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the vouchers/payroll as presented. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Teri, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

