

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 4, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Justin Towery presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, John Bisnette, Devin Renken, and Tonya Kuhn. Also in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Ron Duran, Fran Washburn, Alice Bliss, LaRhea Cole, Darren Stokes, Brian Sharp, Rob Allen, and Eric Rose.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2018. Carried.

Mayor Towery addressed the two water customers present, who had requested a hearing, both had paid their bills in full prior to the meeting.

Deputy Darren Stokes presented the law enforcement report for the period of May 1 – June 1, 2018.

Rob Allen was present to ask if there was any progress in extending Railroad Avenue. Devin noted that it would be addressed later in the meeting. Rob and Brian left the meeting.

Terry reported on a couple of mowing complaints. He had placed a door hanger at 419 Division and it has since been mowed.

Bruce reported that he had sent a letter to the railroad concerning repairs that are needed at the crossing on Third Street. Bruce had emailed the personnel manual to EMC for review. Devin requested that Bruce check on Revitalization plans.

Ron Duran presented his typed report for the period of May 22 – June 1, 2018.

City Superintendent, Terry Gradig, presented septic tank prices. The laterals, tank, caps, and digging totaled \$3,834.00. There was discussion. Evan will contact the owner for his input.

John moved, seconded by Devin, to grant permission to the North Central Christian Choir to place a memorial bench at the gazebo park. Carried.

Terry presented prices for rock and hauling to extend Railroad at a total of \$3,264.00. Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to proceed with extending Railroad, east of the elevator, purchase two culverts, and dirt work when time allows. Jane, John, Devin, Evan – Yes; Tonya – No. Motion carried. Jane requested that Terry keep a separate report of time spent on the project.

Terry reported that the city crew has been sweeping streets, mowing, spraying, and replacing water lines. He had ordered maintenance parts from Municipal Supply. Flowers will be removed from the cemetery on June 10.

City Clerk had been contacted by Downs News to see if council would like to place an ad in the annual Homecoming Edition as in past years. Devin moved to place a ¾ page ad for the Homecoming edition of the Downs News. Carried. Devin will provide information.

Following discussion, council declined the membership invitation from Pioneer Country Development.

Tonya moved to approve special use permits #18-31, #18-36, and #18-37. Evan seconded. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve special use permits #18-32, #18-33, #18-34, & #18-35, pending additional information being received. Carried. Evan abstained.

Eric Rose arrived at the meeting and asked that council change the ordinance to allow accessory buildings on empty lots. He would also plan to build a brand new home if this code was amended.

Tonya moved, seconded by Jane, to approve demolition permit #18-12. Carried. John abstained.

John moved, seconded by Jane, to approve building permit #18-13. Carried.

Mayor Towery said that he has been asked to have pool gift cards. Jane will visit with Manager Landon Lampkin about the possibility. John asked about pool pass regulations. It was agreed that they are immediate family only.

Tonya reported that she had no additional information on flashing beacons yet. There was discussion. Action tabled.

Evan reported that he had contacted engineers, Burns and McDonald, Wichita, to give a proposal on the water treatment plant. They will be here June 12.

Evan reported that he had sent an employment application to a potential code enforcement officer who has 10-20 years of experience. Evan presented a sample code enforcement Notice of Violation form for review.

Mayor Towery noted that he had a couple employees question if raises would be given this year.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 6:38 p.m., John moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya seconded. Carried. Adjourned.

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Justin Towery, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

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