

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, John Cary. Also present: Janaya Cashman, Leon Kuhn, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Jerry Knouf, Josh Arnoldy, Cassi Walsh, Brian Koetter, Terry Gradig, Evan Joy, Ron Duran, John Lemon, Leslie Lemon, Ces Reinert, and Shawna Doane.

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

John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes of the council meeting held May 16, 2016. Carried. Tonya and Devin abstained.

Bruce reviewed the special use regulations with new applicants, Leon Kuhn, and Janaya Cashman. Teri moved, seconded by Devin to approve special use permits #16-22 and #16-23. Carried. Tonya abstained.

Cassi Walsh and Brian Koetter, who are in the business of selling fireworks, were present to request the discharge and sale of fireworks be allowed July 1, 2, 3, and 4. The current ordinance provides for discharge on the 3rd and 4th of July only. Kail Schoen, Fire Chief, expressed his opinion by email and had concerns of the potential for a fire. The number of volunteers available over the holiday was also a concern. Assistant Chief John Cary also expressed his concern and presented statistics relating to the number of fires, injuries, and deaths, due to fireworks. There was discussion. Devin said he was in favor of being able to discharge the same days that the sale is permitted. John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance to change the discharge of fireworks to include the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of July. Devin, Teri, and John B. – Yes; Tonya, John C. – No. Motion carried.

Jerry Knouf presented the law enforcement report of activity during the period of May 1, 2016 – June 1, 2016. Bruce had a question about J-Turns. John B. asked about the abandoned truck parked by Commercial Street.

John LeMon, Code Enforcement, was present. He has been making progress with mowing notices. He presented photos of an abandoned house and outbuilding located on west Railroad. Council agreed that he should proceed with notices to abate. John also noted that there is a grant writer in Lebanon who would be willing to advise someone of the process. He will provide a contact to the clerk.

City Attorney reported that he will draft an ordinance for the next meeting regarding the planning commission's approved zoning map. Mayor Brush provided copies of the proposed zoning. Bruce presented Ordinance #969, amending the uses, allowed in the "I-2" Heavy Industrial Zone, to include Commercial Recreation Facilities. Devin moved, seconded by John B., to pass Ordinance #969, adding Commercial Recreation Facilities to the I-2 district uses. Carried.

Shawna Doane and Ces Reinert, representing Beta Sigma Phi – Zeta Theta Epsilon were present. Ces said that their Parks Beautification Committee has \$10,000.00, through receipt of a grant and fund raisers, to be spent on park equipment. They asked what the city would be willing to help with as far as installation etc. Teri, Tonya, and Terry will meet Tuesday evening with Shawna and Ces to determine a layout.

Ron Duran, Animal Control Officer, is preparing to issue tickets to those not purchasing dog tags. A complaint was received regarding a number of cats in a neighborhood. It was noted that if a person feeds these feral cats, they are harboring them and should be prosecuted in city court. Mayor Brush asked Ron about any known Pit Bull dogs in town and said that Pit Bull dogs are not allowed in town. Ron said that he was not aware of any in town.

City Superintendent reported on a complaint regarding a grave site which has a sinking concrete slab. It was determined that a monument company would have the expertise to do these repairs. Flowers will be picked up from the cemetery on Friday.

Terry reported that a trash container has been temporarily placed at the pool. The city crew has been painting curbs.

Terry asked about providing sewer and water to the Bureau's building. Following discussion, John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to direct the city attorney to draft a policy that private residences and businesses requesting city water and sewer services be annexed, government entities exempt. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by John B., to allow the city superintendent to hook up water and sewer for the Bureau of Reclamation on east Commercial Street. Carried.

Terry had a resident ask about curb and gutter replacement in front of their house. Bruce will check on this procedure and Terry will get cost.

Terry asked about the engineering agreement with Wilson & Co. Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to allow the mayor to sign the Wilson & Co. agreement for improvements to the existing water treatment facility. Carried.

Terry reported that he had notified the manager at the Lion Heart Inn about living in the RV. The manager explained that a person stays in it once in a while when the cabins are full.

Mayor Brush requested Terry take extra protection and use mosquito control. Terry said he is spraying twice a week.

Terry said that Scoular will be getting a building permit for new curb and gutter.

Mayor Brush had visited with Majeane Schneider and she would like to see the parking left open by her building on Railroad.

Mayor Brush reported on a letter that the fire chief had received regarding a thank you for John Cary's participation and interaction during the recent class at the National Fire Academy.

Josh Arnoldy, Pool Manager, reported on some purchases that he would like to make for the pool. Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the pool manager to spend up to \$425.00 on toys and supplies and a First Aid Kit. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to reimburse lifeguards for certifications. Carried.

Teri prepared the ad for the Downs News Homecoming Chronicle. Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve and run the ad in the celebration edition, in the amount of \$252.00. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to close the following streets for celebration June 23, 24, and 25: Railroad (from Morgan to Fourth) and Third Street (from Commercial to Delay). Carried.

Council approved a request from the Chamber to use tables for the beer garden, help with relocating bleachers, and putting up welcome banners.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the Clinic Lease Agreement with the Beloit Medical Center for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to waive the memorial hall fees for the school music concerts December 20, 2016 and April 24, 2017. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve a request to waive the pool party fees for the girl scouts. Carried.

Devin moved to approve the builder's license #16-47. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Tonya moved to approve the building permit #16-15 for Dalton Remus, pending publication of the ordinance. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve building permit #16-14. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve building permit #16-16 pending approval by the city superintendent. Carried. Tonya abstained.

Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve demolition permit #16-17. Carried.

Devin moved to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Bruce and Kelly Berkley for a donation of property to be used as a public roadway. John B. seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin asked Terry about the chemical that Scoular is using to control dust being tracked onto the streets.

Teri reported that she has applied to the Fink Thomas committee for pool funds and has received approval.

A water policy questionnaire from Texas Tech was reviewed.

Mayor Brush asked council for an answer on the city insurance coverage on the sewer treatment plant. Council agreed to change the coverage from the amount of \$258,000.00 to \$175,000.00. Mayor Brush will advise Cushing Insurance Agency of the change.

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

At 7:43 p.m., Tonya moved to adjourn the meeting. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

