

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 16, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: David Draayer, John Cary, Teri Cordill, David Hardy, Jerry Knouf. Also present: Bruce Berkley, Claude Warren, Ron Duran, Vickie Oviatt, Kathy Shellito, Edgar Reinert, LaRhea Cole, Terry Gradig.

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

Dave D. moved, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2014. Carried.

Officer Claude Warren reported that a mowing notice had been sent with the wrong name on a property and he will send a letter of apology. He will be checking on more properties. Bruce noted that only one notice is required per year. An anonymous complaint letter was received referencing possible violations at the property located at 1014 Blunt. Claude will look into it.

Ron Duran reported that he was knocking on doors of those delinquent on licensing their dogs. He also had a personal request. He has recently acquired his daughter's dog, a shepherd mix with health problems. He wishes to tag it and take care of it as long as it lives. This will make him five dogs but he didn't see this as special treatment. Council understands his special circumstances. Dave D. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve Ron Duran to register a 5th dog that is in comfort care, with the understanding that it will not be replaced upon death. Carried.

Dave Hardy entered.

Dave H. questioned Ron Duran, Animal Control Officer, if he had received any complaints regarding dogs aggressively trying to get to rabbits under things, chewing up 2 X 4's with nails. There are teeth and claw marks on the wood. Dave noted that Ron could observe the damage to a shed behind the Christian Church. Ron said that he knew exactly who the dogs belonged to as he has previously talked to the owners about the dog's behavior. Mayor Brush asked Ron to document this incident.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, reported that another building permit application has been received for an accessory building. Bruce commented that the planning commission is aware of it.

Terry reported that the maintenance is started on the water tower. New graphics will be completed at no cost. New equipment has been installed at well #7. New doors are being installed at memorial hall. Terry presented a proposal from Culligan's for a replacement of the water softener at the water plant. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the purchase of one Culligan High Efficiency Twin Water Softener with metered operation and 375# salt storage tank complete, for the water plant from Culligan, less the trade in of the old conditioner for a total of \$1,510.00, payable from the water department. Carried.

Terry presented a profile drawing of the dike area where the sewer line could be brought across for the industrial park area.

John reported, for the fire department, that Wildside Creative, Concordia, has been contacted regarding a logo decal to be installed on the garage doors. John presented estimates to install the signage. There would be one for the fire department from the general fund and one for the EMS door from the Ambulance fund. There was discussion. Jerry requested exact amounts rather than estimates. Action was tabled.

Dave D. asked about regulations of skateboarding on sidewalks. There was no ordinance found.

Jerry reported that he had unlocked the State Bank basement for a group of people during the storm Saturday night.

Mayor Brush reported that she had written an article for the Downs News and Times.

Mayor Brush reported that the planning commission will meet June 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Brush discussed the sale and discharge dates allowed for fireworks.

Teri asked Bruce about the Railroad Inn because of safety concerns. Mayor Brush asked that something be done before someone gets hurt, noting that time has been wasted trying to deal with the railroad. John noted that the railroad is the owner of the building by default. Bruce will send a letter with pictures explaining the city ordinances.

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

Dave D. moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Dave H. seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

