

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held June 18, 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. Others in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Michelle Huddle, Jake White, Mike Foster, LaRhea Cole.

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

John moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting. Carried.

Terry reported that a notice was issued to the owners of 1000 Blunt for mowing and the city crew mowed. John asked that a letter be sent for 918 Blunt.

Bruce reported that a letter was sent to the railroad and the intersection has been repaired. He also presented, for review, a draft easement agreement allowing the city to build and maintain a septic sewer system. Bruce had checked on revitalization, and there is two years remaining under the current renewal.

Terry reported that baskets are needed for the water plant. Devin moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the purchase of 20 baskets @ \$50.00/each. Motion carried.

Terry reported that the city adds fluoride to the water distribution system and asked if council wanted to continue this policy. Some cities do add fluoride, and some do not.

Terry asked if council approved selling quartzite @ \$10/Ton as in the past. Lead and copper samples were sent in. Terry reported that he and Josh would like to attend a KRWA class in Concordia at no cost. Devin moved, Jane seconded, to allow Terry and Josh to attend the Advanced Electronics Course in Concordia, July 11 & 12th. Carried.

City Clerk reported that she will meet with NWKP&DC Wednesday morning regarding information for the Kansas Public Water Supply loan application. New water rates begin July 1, 2018.

Mike Foster, 310 Blunt, appeared before the council to present signatures of residents who are against the extension of Railroad. Mike said the residents are trying to maintain the value of their properties and his concern is for the dust. Evan explained that the hazardous materials route is using Clark Street. John said that Railroad will be an easier way to haul anhydrous tanks out of town. Devin noted that this was an option given when the previous council closed Clark Street, and will be the most cost effective for an alternate route. Property was acquired and will revert back to the original owners within five years if the council does not move forward. Mayor Towery explained they are just establishing a base road at this time.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the mayor to sign the representation letter to Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, & Loyd. Carried. Michelle Huddle presented the 2017 Audit report and communications letter. Following review, Michelle noted she would be at the July 2 meeting to discuss the 2019 budget.

Evan had contacted Burns & McDonnell. Jake White, Burns & McDonnell engineer, had taken a tour of the water treatment plant last week and was present to discuss the project. He introduced the Design-Build method. He said the ion exchange is not a complex project. They

use C.A.S. Construction as their contractor which eliminates the bid process. Jake will plan to attend the next meeting with further information.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve special use permits #18-38 and #18-39. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Devin, to approve a license for R&R Refuse, permit #18-43. Carried.

John moved to approve waiving memorial hall fees for July 18 for the American Red Cross. Evan seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to renew the clinic lease agreement for the clinic. Carried.

Council received and reviewed an application for code enforcement. Evan will contact the applicant for an interview.

Terry will check with KDOT about speed limit signs for school zones.

Jane had received a pool attendance report from the manager. She will visit with Landon regarding keeping the pool open during low attendance so that those who have paid for passes can swim.

Mayor Towery reported that he attended the ground breaking for the Osborne Hospital and visited with the Osborne mayor.

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

At 7:05 p.m., John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Justin Towery, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

