

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held July 2, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Justin Towery presided. Council members present: Evan Joy, Jane VanDonge, and John Bisnette. Council members absent: Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn. Others in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Doug Goetz, Jeff Shelton, Michelle Huddle, Jim Cary, and LaRhea Cole.

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

Evan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2018, and the special meeting of June 25, 2018 with the correction of voting 4-1. Carried.

Bruce recommended that a council member attend a county commissioner meeting regarding the neighborhood revitalization and meet with the appraiser.

Ron Duran, Animal Control, presented his written report of activity for the month of June.

City Superintendent reported that he will contact Harold with KDOT regarding the beacon light for the school. He has changed out the location of the swings at the park. They are repairing a broken water main on west Railroad Ave.

Mayor Towery swore in the newly hired Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Shelton.

Jane moved for the clerk to be the city SAM administrator. Evan seconded. Carried. Jane moved to authorize the mayor to sign the authorization letter. John seconded. Carried.

Michelle Huddle, Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, was present to review the prepared 2019 budget. She noted that the valuation had gone down a little and asked if the council wished to leave the same or increase the mill levy. There was discussion. Action was tabled for a full council.

Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., reported that NWKP&DC is preparing a CDBG grant application and a loan application. The LMI surveys were tabulated and the city qualified. Corina will prepare a narrative. The public hearings are scheduled for August 20, 2018. Doug explained that when federal funds are used, the Design/Build program can not be utilized as that eliminates the bid process. Doug had prepared the Water/Sewer Profile for the KIAC meeting. He and Corina will both be attending the meeting August 14th in Hays. It is suggested that a couple council members attend as well. John moved, seconded by Jane, to authorize the mayor to sign the Water/Sewer Profile for federal and state assistance. Carried.

Jim Cary, was present, to present seven additional signatures of citizens against the extension of Railroad Ave. and asked that council consider these signatures. Jim said that the main reasons they are against it is because of the dust and the cost. Mayor Towery explained that the council hasn't had a meeting since the petitions were received so they haven't had a chance to discuss it.

Bruce reported that Sheldon Remus has received the sewer agreement for review. Evan will check with Sheldon.

Jane asked that Terry check on the "Do Not Enter" sign at the alley way east of the pool.

Mayor Towery reported that a letter was received from John Cary. He will hold off on discussion until that councilmember is present to defend himself.

Mayor Towery discussed the issue of the alumni and chamber use of the memorial hall over celebration. From now on, the chamber needs to sign a contract.

Terry discussed the status of a business which is due to have the water shut off for non-payment. Mayor Towery instructed to hold off and he will make contact.

Evan moved to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Jane seconded the motion. Carried.

At 7:11 p.m., John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Justin Towery, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk