

Special meeting the mayor and council was held July 14, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Jerry Knouf, David Draayer, John Cary, Teri Cordill, David Hardy. Also attending: Ron Duran, Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt.

Mayor Brush called the special meeting to order for the purpose of conducting business that would have normally been completed at the July 7, 2014 regular meeting which was cancelled. Mayor Brush led in the flag salute.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 regular meeting. Carried.

Jerry gave the law enforcement report for the period of June 1, 2014 – July 1, 2014. He noted that the celebration and the July 4th holiday were quiet. He requested that the fireworks ordinance be changed to allow the discharge until midnight instead of 11:00 p.m. Jerry also reported on a response to the pool regarding an intoxicated person.

Mayor Brush requested that the council review written information from the code enforcement officer for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Dave H. entered.

City Attorney, Bruce Berkley, reported on information from the railroad concerning the Railroad Inn structure. The railroad has hired a contractor to demolish the building. Bruce had contacted Schwab-Eaton about surveying the property west of the lagoons. A description of the old tree dump area will need to be established along with an easement for access to the lagoons. Following discussion, John moved to hire Jim Wolters Auction Service to auction off two parcels of land, the old tree dump and the land west of the west lagoons. Dave H. seconded. Carried.

Ron Duran reported on dog impoundments over the July 4th holiday. He will visit with the city attorney about the next step to take to enforce the dog tag ordinance. Ron also reported on a pending court case for harboring a vicious animal.

City Superintendent presented estimates from Willow Springs Services and Remus Plumbing, Heating and Air for new furnaces at the Memorial Hall. Per council's request, Terry will check with Remus to see if his bid is still current.

Terry reviewed the invoices from Jim Keezer for the intersections. Council approved the adjustments necessary. Terry said that the College intersection has been started. It will have some overages as well. Terry also discussed the area at Brian Huiting's corner and was approved for extra work at this area.

Council reviewed quotes from White Star Machinery and from Bobcat for options on a Skid-Steer or Track Loader. Action was tabled. Terry is going to try out a machine.

Terry reported that the coin operated water dispenser is broken and is being operated on the honor system with a tablet left there to record usage. He is checking on replacement prices.

Terry presented prices to replace the Welcome and American flags. He will check with Miller Hardware for a price.

City Clerk noted that the next meeting will include an audit review and budget preparation time. The budget hearing is scheduled for the first meeting in August at 6:00 p.m.

John reported that Brush Art has donated the cost for signage at the fire/ems facilities. A thank you will be sent.

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve special use permit #14-35. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the mayor to sign the management representation letter to Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd. Carried.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the permit to collect and transport solid waste for C&R Sanitations #14-58 and for Dunstan Trucking #14-59, subject to C&R Sanitations providing the VIN numbers. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve building permits #14-11, 14-12, and 14-13. Carried.

Dave H. reported that two tables from the clinic have been reupholstered and one more is scheduled.

Council reviewed a letter from Rachel Russell concerning the mowing at the cemetery. Terry responded that it was timing.

Mayor Brush reminded Terry about the semi-annual report due to KDHE on July 28th.

Mayor Brush presented copies of the City of Downs Comprehensive Plan Update from 1981 which includes a plan for annexation. Mayor Brush noted that the plan for annexation is not a new thing. She asked the council to take it home for review, and at the next meeting discuss the next plan of action.

Terry asked Mayor Brush if she had a response from the elevators regarding her request. Mayor Brush will follow up.

Mayor Brush reported that she had contacted the veterinary to see how to tell if a dog is part pit bull and they said that it is hard to tell without a specific test.

Vouchers/payrolls were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved to approve the vouchers/payrolls as presented. Dave H. seconded the motion. Carried.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Jerry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk