

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held August 4, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Jerry Knouf, David Hardy, David Draayer, Teri Cordill. Also present: LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt, Bruce Berkley, Josh Berkley, Cathy Shellito, Edgar Reinert, Shannon Elmore, Terry Gradig, Becky Stanfield, Ron Duran.

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

John moved, seconded by Dave D., to approve the council minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting. Carried.

Josh Berkley, Boy Scout Troop 105, was present for approval to repair the stage on the Whiteway for his Eagle Scout project. He asked the council if this is something they would like him to work on. Jerry moved, seconded by John, to allow Josh Berkley to move forward with his Eagle Scout project of repairing or bricking the Whiteway stage. Carried.

Jerry gave the law enforcement report for the period of July 1, 2014 – August 4, 2014.

Claude Warren, Code Enforcement, reported that he had not worked in the month of July but he plans to get his 10 hours in this month. He discussed the code violations at 1014 Blunt and asked for the council's wishes in proceeding. Council agreed for him to issue a citation. Dave H. asked about a concern brought to him about areas needing mowed at the 900 block of Peterman and the 800 block of Commercial. Claude will look at these areas. Bruce had contacted the Sunflower Bank in Osborne about mowing at 413 Blunt.

Bruce reported that he had written a letter regarding ATV violations. Bruce has contacted Schwab-Eaton regarding the farm land surveys.

Ron Duran reported that he is working on a dog case that is going to court. He said that he is still working on dog licenses.

City Superintendent presented a bill from Keezer Construction for review. Council agreed to proceed with the remaining intersection.

Terry reported on the warranties for the memorial hall furnaces. John moved, seconded by Jerry, to purchase two furnace/air conditioner units from Remus Plumbing, Option #1 @ \$11,571.00, from the Sypulski Trust Fund. Carried.

Terry had tried out the track model skid steer and thought it would be good to have for the city projects. Jerry moved to lease a Bobcat Model T650 on a yearly lease from White Star Machinery for \$2,000.00/year and have White Star purchase our old Bobcat @ \$33,000.00. John seconded. Carried.

Terry reported that he had purchased US flags from Miller Hardware. He will purchase 20 Welcome flags from Carrot Top Industries.

Terry reported that Johnson Service will be in the area to jet sewer lines. Dave H. moved, seconded by Jerry, to have Johnson Service jet 7,000' of sewer line @ \$.65/foot @ \$4,550.00 to be taken from the sewer fund. Carried.

Terry asked the council to look at the trees at the cemetery. The trees have grown over the grave areas. Terry noted that he has extra PVC fencing at the shop that could possibly replace the trees, or for use elsewhere.

Terry reported that the Railroad Inn structure is down, back filled and cleaned up. Jerry asked about the sign poles.

Terry reported that Dale Goheen has plowed the big lagoon. Terry will send photos to Eric Staab.

John asked that Terry remind people not to mow grass into the street area. Door hangers will be placed.

Teri asked about spraying the weeds in the streets. Terry said they usually do this once a year.

City Clerk reported that the budget hearing will be held August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. There was discussion concerning the proposed budget. Dave D. thought the mill levy should be lowered because of the increase in valuations. He thought it could be cut back by reviewing line item by line item. Jerry moved, seconded by John, to approve the 2015 budget publication. Carried. Jerry, John, Teri, Dave H. – Yes; Dave D. – No. Motion carried.

John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a builder's contractor license #14-60. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve demolition permit #14-16 for Union Pacific. Carried.

John moved to approve building permit #14-17. Jerry seconded. Carried.

Mayor Brush appointed Tonya Kuhn to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fulfill the unexpired term of Jennifer Cooper, 2014 – 2017. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the mayor's appointment of Tonya Kuhn to the Zoning Board of Appeals 2014 – 2017, the unexpired term of Jennifer Cooper. Carried.

Dave D. reported that he has reviewed the law enforcement contract for 2015. City Attorney has also reviewed. John said that it would be good to have Sheriff Miner attend the next meeting for any concerns or comments. Jerry will check with Sheriff Miner. John also suggested the EMS director attend a meeting to review services.

Jerry reported that the pool will close August 16.

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

Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk

