

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held August 15, 2016, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, and John Cary. Devin Renken and Teri Cordill were absent. Also attending: Claude Warren, Terry Gradig, LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt, and Bruce Berkley.

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

John B. moved, seconded by John C., to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting. Carried.

Claude Warren was present to announce his candidacy for Osborne County Sheriff. He is running on the Republican ticket. He presented a list of potential goals. Mayor Brush asked about the possibility of helping with code enforcement.

The Osborne County Law Enforcement contract for 2017 had been presented at the previous meeting and was reviewed by the council. Action was tabled.

Mayor Brush reported that John Lemon had not returned his badge, code book, or files and brief case. She will contact him.

Terry Gradig reported that he had ordered a load of oil last week. Fourteen blocks have been sealed. He has oil for possibly 6 blocks. John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to allow the city superintendent to purchase two loads of street oil, not to exceed \$27,000.00 from the street fund. Carried.

Terry said that Johnson Service would be in the area and asked about having them do some sewer jetting. Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to have Johnson Service jet the nursing home sewer line, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Carried.

Terry said that he had talked to Jim Keezer about replacing some of these problem sewer lines as a winter project. Terry will get some cost estimates.

Terry presented information on a 1998 Terrex Lift that was listed on the Dick Wise auction.

Council reviewed a letter from Kansas Rural Water regarding their visit, July 27, 2016, to review the public water system operations. It was basically a review of routine operation responsibilities and requirements as well as monitoring results for disinfection byproducts and chemical quality.

City clerk reported on receipt of a Preliminary Statement of Project Cost notice from the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the US-24 south to Delay Street project. The estimated amount owed to the city is \$34,954.59.

Tonya moved, seconded by John C., to approve Plumber's license #16-53. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve special use permits #16-28 and #16-29. Carried.

The pool has closed for the season. Council approved a request from the volley ball team to use the swimming pool August 16 – 19.

Mayor Brush gave an update on the clinic. EMC Insurance has inspected the clinic. Council reviewed the mold report from Willow Springs Services, Inc. The air purification Air Knight system has been installed.

Mayor Brush reported on the town hall meeting held August 4th with Nadine Sigle. The city participated in First Impressions, a K-State Research and Extension program in partnership with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. At the meeting Nadine presented the results of the team's impression during their visit to Downs, and a power point presentation of observations. Mayor Brush said that she will be forming a group to review the results, prioritize, and apply for a grant.

A mowing complaint was reviewed. The mowing had been completed.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Brush called the public hearing to order for comment on the proposed 2017 budget. No written or oral comments were received. John C. moved to close the public hearing. John B. seconded the motion. Carried. Mayor Brush declared the public hearing closed.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve the 2017 budget as published. Carried.

Mayor Brush asked that the council review the current rates for memorial hall use and possibly revise.

Vouchers and payroll were reviewed and signed. John B. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve vouchers and payroll as submitted. Carried.

City attorney arrived at the meeting. At 6:14 p.m., John C. moved, seconded by John B., to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the council, mayor, and city attorney present. Carried.

Remaining minutes were taken by Jennifer Brush:

At 6:29 p.m., regular session resumed.

Bruce reported about his discussion with the Sheriff's department concerning abandoned vehicles, and the press release to the paper. Sheriff's department will begin enforcement of abandon vehicles in about two weeks.

John B. made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Tonya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk