

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held September 5, 2017, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, John Cary, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill. Also in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Mike Bristol, Kathy Tucker, Barbara Stevens.

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

John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting. Carried.

Deputy Mike Bristol presented the law enforcement report of activity for the period of August 1, 2017 – September 1, 2017.

Terry reported for Code Enforcement that the property at 607 Division had cleaned up trash. The property at 1309 Morgan has been mowed.

City Attorney addressed a complaint received regarding a trailer and camper parked in the street. Bruce noted that this is legal parking, however, council could look at allowing parking on one side of the street only. Bruce discussed the nuisance vehicles not in compliance. Council asked that Bruce proceed with the nuisance vehicle policy.

City Superintendent reported that the concrete pool deck demolition is near completion. He is checking into cost to sand blast and paint. City crew has been fixing water leaks. He is waiting for a valve to repair a leaking fire hydrant at Ross and Third Street. The water line, curb and gutter has been completed at the city office. The alley approach on Division is completed.

Mayor Brush and Doug Brush are completing the new sign for Memorial Park. A new sign for the gazebo park is donated by Brush Art.

John C. suggested a sign to acknowledge the grants received for various projects be erected in the park.

City Clerk asked if council wished to continue waiving the demolition permit fees which was approved until August 31, 2017. Tonya moved to continue waiving demolition fees through August 31, 2018. John C. seconded the motion. Carried.

Mayor Brush reported on the Planning Commission meeting and hearing which was held August 31, 2017. She noted that their recommended Tourist Home zoning conditions were in Ordinance form to be reviewed. Following review, John C. moved, seconded by John B., to pass Ordinance #983, and allow the mayor to sign. Carried. City Attorney had prepared a form to be used by the Tourist Home applicants. John C. moved to approve the sample Tourist Home Application, excluding the required list of property owners, and asses a \$25.00 annual fee. Motion died, lack of a second. No action was taken.

Devin moved, seconded by John B., to approve builder's license #17-46. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve building permit #17-17. Carried.

Bruce has obtained a listing from the county of those who have applied to have landfill fees waived because the structure is uninhabitable. This may be useful in determining unsafe structures.

The ordinance granting a franchise to Prairie Land Electric was reviewed. Bruce recommended leaving the term at 10 years and increasing the fees. Following review, council agreed to leave the fee at 4%. Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to pass Ordinance #984 with Prairie Land Electric for a ten (10) year term with a 4% franchise fee, and allow the mayor to sign. Carried unanimously.

John Cary, Assistant Fire Chief, reported on a recent class he had attended regarding ISO ratings and ways to improve the ratings. Some of the ways to improve the rating are to adopt a city fire code; additional training; perform water flow test records on fire hydrants, and update annually. Improved ratings result in savings for citizens on their fire insurance.

Council reviewed the past policy of providing free water to Centennial Village Office and agreed to continue with this policy.

Mayor Brush reported on correspondence she had received regarding Small Public Water System Training. John C. encouraged Terry to train employees in water/sewer duties.

Mayor Brush also reported that notification was received from the Osborne County Attorney, regarding a preliminary hearing that has been set, September 8, 2017, for the swimming pool case. Mayor Brush noted that the council may want to consider surveillance cameras.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

At 6:23 p.m., John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

