

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held September 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Bisnette, John Cary, Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill. Also in attendance: Jim Cary, Jerry Knouf, Phil VanCourt, Doug Lantz, Kurt Engel, LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt, Terry Gradig, Paul Brohman, Calvin Beams, Bruce Berkley.

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

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 8, 2015. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held September 17, 2015. Carried. John B. abstained.

Jim Cary was present for questions regarding the streets and proposed Clark Street closure. He asked when Scoular had first approached the council about closing the street. He said that with Scoular's financial status, it is asking a lot to close a street without replacing. He said that he didn't know that this concession has been given any other business. Mayor Brush answered that the council has been working with Scoular for over two years concerning annexation. Mayor Brush said that she and Terry had called the railroad and that they were open to discussion for another crossing and will accept an application. Devin asked if Scoular is still looking to help with an alternate crossing. He said that the city is asking the tax payers to pay for another crossing when they had a perfectly good one. John C. asked the value of the Scoular improvement project. Phil said that it would be 2.4 million.

Jim Cary was also present to ask about the city street repair. He said that he has driven on east Delay for two years and has noted no attempt to fix the intersections. It was noted that the long term plan is to remove the stored material from the lot and then address the street repair. Terry said that he hopes to have the lot cleared before the end of the year.

Officer Jerry Knouf gave the law enforcement report for the period of August 1, 2015 – September 1, 2015. There was discussion regarding trucks parking illegally. John C. said that there has been one parked at Division and Third Street. Jerry said that he has not seen it in motion.

Terry Gradig, acting Code Enforcement Officer, reported that he has sent a notice of cleanup to a house in the 800 block of Division Street.

City Superintendent Gradig reported that they have two more blocks of street sealing completed. They have been mowing. The sewer improvement project is moving along on schedule; however, there was a conflict with the water line at the bore locations. Lowering the

waterline below the proposed sewer line is estimated at \$11,650.00. John C. moved to approve the change order for relocating the water line in the amount of \$11,650.00 to J&K Contracting. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Terry reported that it is time to jet sewer lines in the south east section of town. Tonya moved to allow Terry to schedule Johnson Service to do jetting in the south east section of town and the nursing home for up to \$6500.00. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Terry said that he has visited with Bruce Berkley about land to extend Railroad Ave.

Terry said that he has left some of the yield signs up that were added during Morgan Ave. construction. A stop sign has been added on Railroad Ave. Bruce noted that Railroad Avenue is designated as a through street so an ordinance will be required. John C. moved to allow the following street sign changes: allow stop signs at 4<sup>th</sup> & College on the north and south sides; allow yield signs on Prentiss & Delaware on the north and south sides; allow yield signs on Prentiss and Division on the east and west sides; allow yield signs on First and Blunt on the east and west sides; allow a change in speed limit to 20 mph on Kansas Avenue from Highway 24 to Ross Street. John B. seconded the motion. Carried.

City Attorney reported that he and Officer Jerry Knouf had driven the allies for abandoned vehicles. Bruce had sent out letters on 45 junked or abandoned vehicles. Mayor Brush read what the letter determined a junked or abandoned vehicle: 1. No current registration plate upon the vehicle. 2. Vehicle is upon jacks, blocks or other supports. 3. Absence of one or more parts necessary for lawful operation. John C. said that he would prefer Bruce not be involved and asked if there was a reason Bruce sent the letters. Previous council has asked Bruce to initiate as the Sheriff's department was not doing it. Following discussion, it was decided to visit with law enforcement at the next regular meeting.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to waive the memorial hall fees for the sorority for Moonlight Madness on October 26. Carried.

Teri moved, seconded by Tonya, to waive the memorial hall fees for the school play, November 20, 21, and 22, 2015. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the Electrical Contractor's license #15-52, upon receipt of the license fee. Carried.

Tonya moved, to approve the building permit #15-24 for Scoular Company. John B. seconded the motion. Carried. John C. abstained.

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to pass ordinance #962, vacating a portion of Clark Street. Devin commented that he understood an alternate route would coincide with this closing. Following the discussion time, motion carried. John C., John B., Tonya, Teri – Yes; Devin – No.

John B. reported that the chairs for the clinic exam rooms have been delivered.

Mayor Brush reported on receipt of notice from Kansas Department of Transportation that the grant application, for funding a 2018 Geometric Improvement Project, was not selected.

John C. suggested that when the property taxes are received from Scoular, the council consider reserving those funds for streets.

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

At 7:24 p.m., Devin moved to adjourn the meeting. John B. seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

