

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held October 3, 2016, 5:30 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, and John Cary. Others in attendance: Terry Craig, Jason Cherek, Terry Gradig, Curt Miner, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Ron Duran, Brett Doane, Kelly Berkley, Kenny Lee.

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

Teri moved, seconded by John B., to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting as submitted. Carried.

Terry Craig was present to request approval to have three dogs. Terry said he had moved to Downs a few months ago and recently purchased a third dog. John C. explained that in the past the council had allowed a few hardship cases but the limit is two dogs. Terry Craig noted that there seems to be a huge number of cats in town. There was discussion and the matter was tabled for further review.

Sheriff Curtis Miner presented a report of law enforcement activity for the period of September 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016. He also presented a report of nuisance vehicles within the city. He said that this is a partial listing with more to be presented. Notices will be served and returns prepared.

Terry Gradig had no new written complaints for code enforcement.

Bruce discussed a notice that was issued on a nuisance trailer house. Bruce had checked with Chris Jones about the possibility of code enforcement and he was not interested.

Ron Duran is busy checking on cats and their activity at the Ray Street residence. He will start trapping at this location. He picked up a dog on the Dispatch road.

For the Lions Club, Ron Duran asked about the city working together on painting some buildings on main street. Mayor Brush said that the First Impressions committee would be meeting on Wednesday evening at Brush Art where this could be discussed.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, had checked at the clinic for progress by Willow Springs. The humidity is improved and the basement is dry.

Terry reported that 22 blocks have been sealed this year plus roadside park. He met with Wilson and Co. at the water plant. Wilson & Co. is preparing a report.

Terry reported that new playground equipment from the sorority has been installed.

Terry had 19 good lead and copper sample results.

Terry and Teri are checking on adding a few more tiles at the pool. Terry will also be meeting with the Park and Recreation committee to present ideas for ballfield improvements.

Kelly Berkley presented an update from Performance Lawns for the memorial park proposal. She is ready for the city to do the demolition work at the sight. The Dane Hansen deadline has been moved back to November 1, 2016. Following discussion, John C. moved to allow the city superintendent to start demolition at the memorial park and give permission to add new curbing, sidewalk, and ADA ramp. Devin seconded. Carried. John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to allow Performance Lawns to do sidewalks and patio if weather permits, at Memorial Park. Carried.

Kenny Lee was present and requested memorial hall fees be waived for LHS. John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to waive Memorial Hall fees for Lakeside all school play, rehearsal times, and performances. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve builder's license #16-54 and electrical license #16-55. Carried.

Mayor Brush reported that Dallason Thomas had visited with her. He will be working on cleaning up his properties.

Terry has water sample kits and will be sampling wells in a surrounding three mile area.

City Clerk reported that the proposed audit and budget contract, for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018, was received from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, and Loyd for council's approval. Council will review.

Devin reported on his attendance at the fire school in Bennington.

John C., Assistant Fire Chief, noted that the State Fire Marshall has a program where Kansas homeowners can get free smoke alarms.

Bruce said that October is Fire Prevention Awareness month.

Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve building permit #16-31. Carried. Devin abstained.

A building permit application from Josh Stevens was reviewed. John C. said that, in the past, it was general understanding that shipping containers were not allowed. Mayor Brush did research and presented information and rules from other towns. John C. suggested tabling the application. Devin questioned if it even requires a permit. Mayor

Brush asked the city attorney to draft an ordinance to include requirements. John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to table the building permit for Josh Stevens. Carried.

Mayor Brush suggested memorial hall fees be updated to \$100.00 for the front only; \$150.00 for the non-profit; and have a \$400.00 week-end rate. Tonya moved, seconded by John C., to do away with non-resident/resident and change the rental fees for the memorial hall as follows: Front only \$100.00 (all categories); Daily rate \$150.00; set rate for week-end (Friday 8:30 a.m. to Monday 8:30 a.m.) at \$400.00 for all. Tonya, John B., John C., Teri – Yes; Devin – No. Carried.

There was discussion concerning kennel licenses provided for in the code, but not in zoning.

Terry asked if a garage could be considered a residence if it has sewer and water, because the house needs demolished.

Tonya and John B. reported that they will each be absent for the next regular meeting.

Mayor Brush addressed the complaint form that was filed concerning the alley that needs attention. She said that alleys are the property owner's responsibility.

Mayor Brush reported that the First Impressions Committee will be meeting on Wednesday. The committee members are Tonya Kuhn, Glenda Rothchild, KC Remus, Evan Joy, and Ron Duran.

Mayor Brush will represent the city and Mandy Burda will represent the Chamber at the Osborne County Beautification meeting on October 11.

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

At 7:39 p.m., John B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

