

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held October 5, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council member present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Teri Cordill, and John Cary. Also present: Terry Gradig, Ron Duran, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Don Heiland, Mandy Burda, Doug Goetz, and Jim Cary.

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

John C. moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 21, 2015 and the special meeting of October 2, 2015. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Mandy Burda, Chamber President, reported on a grant of \$1,500.00 that the Chamber has received from the Hansen Foundation to build picnic tables. The Lakeside Vo-Ag department will make six or seven metal tables for use within the city and for various activities that the Chamber holds throughout the year. She asked for advance permission to use these as well as the tables by the pool, for the Chamber beer garden during celebration.

Jim Cary approached the council for further discussion regarding the Clark Street closing. Jim had visited with Scoular and he thinks they could work more with the city and the citizens of Downs to come up with a different option. Jim said that he understood the concern for safety, but they have been doing this for twelve years without incident. He had spoken with Doug Lantz and he could build a portable ramp. Jim also presented information regarding the Scoular tax correction. Mayor Brush noted that the council is currently working with the railroad and will take this under consideration.

Terry Gradig reported on code enforcement. The party in the 800 block of Division is working on cleanup.

Ron Duran reported on the ongoing battle with cats. The vet can take only two per week. The Husky dog, Dakota, that had attacked another dog, is now relocated out of town. He has court cases ongoing for no dog tags.

Terry Gradig, City Superintendent, reported 18 blocks sealed. He is running low on rock and cold mix. Following discussion, John C. moved to allow the superintendent to purchase street sealing material not to exceed \$5,000.00 from Special Highway fund. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. Terry would like to build a concrete containment at the shop for storing materials. He presented a drawing and estimated cost of \$1800.00. Action was tabled.

Terry reported that he is checking with the Bureau of Reclamation on what they will allow for a road on their property to extend east Railroad Ave. to sale barn road. Mayor Brush noted that the Railroad has been contacted regarding cost options as well. Devin asked about the amount of dirt to construct the road. Terry said the city crew could do the construction. John C. asked that Terry get a firm commitment on a price to crush the stored concrete, which will also be an option for use.

City Clerk reported on sales tax collected. At the end of September, 2014, there was a balance of \$40,208.58. At the end of September, 2015, there was a balance of \$73,060.74 for the year, which is an increase of \$32,852.16.

Teri moved, seconded by John B., to approve building permit #15-25, and waive the fee. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to approve permit #15-26, and waive the fee. Carried.

Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., presented pay application #1 from J & K Contracting for \$150,038.00 less 10% retainage. Tonya moved to approve pay ap #1 for \$135,034.20 to J & K Contracting. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve KDHE Request for Disbursement #1. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Doug Goetz discussed the change order due to Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline issues which council voted on at their special meeting October 2nd. This is an additional project cost of \$44,930.88 which is \$25,509.88 over the current KDHE approved loan. Council discussed amending the loan. Action was tabled.

The previously bored encasement can be used for water. Council discussed their annexation agreement with Don Heiland, which provides water and sewer to his property when he is ready. Tonya moved to authorize Terry to place a water connection in KDOT Right-of-Way adjacent to H&H Investment property, thus satisfying the annexation agreement with H&H Investment. John B. seconded the motion. Carried.

John C. asked Doug Goetz if Wilson & Co. is familiar with the Safe Route to School program. Doug said that Tyler and Justin do that type of project. There was discussion.

City Attorney reported that he has received a draft from Riggs for annexation to review. Also, Bruce will prepare the stop sign ordinance for the next meeting.

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

At 7:45 p.m., Devin moved to adjourn. John B. seconded the motion. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

