

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held October 15, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Devin Renken, and Tonya Kuhn. Others in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Josh Hofflinger, Vickie Oviatt, Kent Sullivan, Bernita Smith, Scott Becker, Curtis Miner, Terry Gradig, and LaRhea Cole.

Tonya called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting as submitted. Carried.

Bruce reported on pricing and services to update the Personnel Policy. He is still reviewing property ownership for the Railroad Ave. extension.

Josh Hofflinger, City Superintendent, reported that the water plant repairs from the lightning strike are now completed. The city crew will be flushing fire hydrants. Josh reported that the Sr. Center is requesting an ADA ramp in the parking area on Morgan Ave.

John entered.

Josh reported on a request from the Lutheran Church for a donation of the white PVC fencing. John asked about the amount of fencing. Josh reported on a leak at the library and was asked to get an estimate.

Sheriff Curt Miner and Undersheriff Scottie Becker were present to review law enforcement services provided. Accident, incident, and criminal report statistics for Downs were reviewed.

Bernita Smith presented information pertaining to recent studies on the dangers and effects of fluoride in the public water supply. She noted her concerns and said that she wants fluoride discontinued. The city passed an ordinance in 1980 directing the distribution of fluoride in the water supply. There was discussion and a suggestion of a vote of the people. Action was tabled.

There was discussion concerning the need for a Class 2 Water Operator for the water plant. Terry Gradig agreed to be the contact operator for Downs until Josh Hofflinger can complete training and testing. Evan moved, seconded by Tonya, to send Josh Hofflinger to water training and testing, plus meals and travel expenses. Carried.

Tonya moved to allow the mayor to sign the Contract Operator form with Terry Gradig. Evan seconded. Carried.

City Clerk presented a thank you note from Solomon Valley Transportation.

Mayor Bisnette announced his appointment of Charley Stevens to the city council.

Devin moved to approve a builder's license #18-47. Jane seconded the motion. Carried.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to approve a building permit #18-16. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to designate the Friday after Thanksgiving as a holiday for city employees for 2018. Carried.

An Ordinance #991 was reviewed, changing the council meeting times to 5:30 p.m. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to pass Ordinance #991. Carried.

Devin moved to approve the mayor's appointment of Charley Stevens as a council member, to fill the unexpired term of John Bisnette. Carried.

A verbal offer of property on north Morgan was discussed. Bruce will check on back taxes and title insurance.

Evan reported that several farmers would be willing to help with the Railroad extension project by donating their time and equipment.

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

At 7:00 p.m., Tonya moved, seconded by Jane, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with the council, mayor, city superintendent, and employee Kent Sullivan, to discuss non-elected personnel, job duties, and employment application. Carried.

(Remaining minutes taken by Tonya Kuhn)

7:27 p.m., regular session resumed. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to give Kent a \$1.00/hr. raise. Passed unanimously.

At 7:28 p.m., Tonya moved to adjourn. Jane seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

John Bisnette, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

