

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held October 19, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, John Bisnette, Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, Devin Renken. Also in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Kenneth Watts, Tammy Kimminau, Pam Meier, and Paul Brohman.

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 October 5, 2015 meeting. Carried.

Tammy Kimminau, Solomon Valley Transportation, and Pam Meier, local representative, were present to thank the council for their past support and to request continued support with a pledge for their current grant application. For every dollar pledged, SVT will receive four times that amount from the Public Transit Program. Solomon Valley Transportation covers Mitchell, Jewell, and Osborne counties. Pam stressed that this service is not just for the elderly, it is affordable public transportation offered to all ages for numerous activities.

Kenneth Watts was present to request that the council resurface his parking lot at the former B&W Service on Morgan Ave. He said that a past council, approximately ten years ago, and Dave Goheen had given approval to resurface the lot. He said it was due to the damage by trucks using his lot while turning into MidTown Service station. No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Brush will contact the sheriff's office to see if they can be in attendance at the next meeting. Council members noted that they have a number of questions for the department.

City Attorney reported that he is still working on Stop Sign ordinances. He also presented a notebook of information for the sheriff's office regarding the abandoned vehicles. Bruce noted that it had been since 2006 that the city had recodified the ordinances. He will check with the League concerning prices.

City Superintendent reported on the sewer improvement project progress. The main line is finished. The city has hooked up sewer to Becker Auto, Wang Jar, and is in the process of installing service to Pro Shield. He has contacted Eric Staab, KDHE concerning the decommissioning progress. There was discussion regarding the city completing the grass seeding in the spring in lieu of J & K Contracting returning.

Terry will present cost estimates at the next meeting for water line installation and fire hydrant placement.

Terry is also requesting quotes to crush the used concrete piled at the lagoons.

Terry asked what council decided on the cold mix pad. John C. moved, seconded by Teri, to allow the superintendent to proceed with the cold mix pad at an estimated cost of \$1800.00, from Special Highway fund. Carried.

Terry reported that he has not heard back from the railroad or from the Bureau of Reclamation. He said the city may need to buy 60' of a couple lots that Bruce Berkley owns in order to extend Railroad Ave. to

the east. Options are still unclear until there is a reply from the railroad. Bruce said that he would not be selling but would be donating the land to the city. John C. had been asked if the city could rescind the ordinance to close Clark Street.

City Clerk presented an invitation from Zion Lutheran Church inviting the city to join them November 1st at 2:00 p.m. for the dedication of their new fellowship hall.

Teri moved, seconded by John B., to donate \$200.00 to Solomon Valley Transportation. Carried.

Bruce discussed an email that was sent to the city with a request for overnight RV parking in the park. These travelers would purchase fuel, meals, and supplies. Bruce will respond that overnight camping is prohibited at this time, but a change is being considered. The planning commission will be discussing this at their next meeting, October 26. Devin and Teri will plan to attend.

John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to switch Veteran's Day with the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday for employees. Carried.

Following discussion, council agreed not to amend the sewer loan for the sewer improvement change orders. The additional cost will be paid from the sewer fund.

Mayor Brush asked the Water and Sewer committee to review water/sewer rates for the next meeting. Rates will be reviewed along with the proposal from Downs Enterprises.

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

At 7:00 p.m., John B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

