

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held October 21, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at city hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Evan Joy, Charlie Stevens, Jane VanDonge, Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2019. Carried.

Harry Colburn, Code Enforcement, has picked up code enforcement items from the office in Cawker City.

Bruce reported that there will be a tax foreclosure coming up and suggested the city buy some of the properties to clean up.

Mayor Bisnette reported that Richard Judd has completed his physical and testing and may proceed.

City Superintendent reported that Harry Colburn was trained by Municipal Supply to operate the new 360 Essentials meter reading program. The crew has been cutting down trees; changing meters; and doing street repair. They are out of street material, so they have made their own cold mix with asphalt, oil, and diesel. Kent has contacted KDHE to finalize the decommissioning of the industrial lagoons. Kent said the students did well on their classroom reports of their water/sewer plant tours. Randy, retired KDHE official, has been helping out with questions.

City Clerk will prepare an ad for her replacement. Applications will be accepted until October 31st. She will be retiring January 1, 2020.

Evan moved, seconded by Devin, to approve building permit #19-12, for fencing for the school district. Carried.

Bruce reported for the Fire Department. They conducted their annual fire presentation at the grade school. The department is planning to get new helmets.

Devin discussed the water line replacement process when the meter is still in the basement. If it is a bad water line, the city should replace it. If it is not a bad line and the customer wants it replaced, they should pay for it. There was discussion. Tonya moved to assign a rate of \$45.00/hour for city replacement of water lines on private property. Devin seconded. Carried.

Devin moved to purchase two loads of asphalt millings at \$20.00/Ton from the Street Fund. Jane seconded. Carried.

Evan moved to waive the fees on Building Permit #19-12. Devin seconded. Carried.

Tonya requested the number of Welcome Flags needed. She also reported the street light blinking at Osborne and Third Street.

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

At 6:24 p.m., Evan moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

John Bisnette, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk