

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held November 2, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, John Bisnette, Tonya Kuhn, Devin Renken, and Teri Cordill. Also in attendance: Terry Gradig, Ron Duran, Vickie Oviatt, LaRhea Cole, Bruce Berkley, Loren Hodge, Robert Pennington, Connie Pennington, Marty Christianson, Glennys Doane, Ces Reinert.

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

Devin moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2015. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

Robert and Connie Pennington, first time applicants for a special use permit, were present. Bruce reviewed the special use regulations. Devin moved, seconded by John B., to approve permits #15-36 and #15-37. Carried.

Glennys Doane and Marty Christians were present regarding the community garden. They are looking at a couple of potential properties. Ces Reinert, on behalf of Greater Salina Community Foundation, presented the city a Dane G. Hansen Community Grant for the Downs Community Garden. The grant is for \$5,000.00 and will be forwarded to the community garden directors.

Loren Hodge, Osborne County Sheriff's Department, was present to give the September 1, 2015 – November 1, 2015 law enforcement report. Loren also noted that Curt Miner, Sheriff, would be in contact regarding the junked/abandoned vehicles.

Don Snyder, Osborne County Emergency Management Director, was present to introduce himself. He proposed that the city adopt the North Central (Region F) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional, Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan. He presented a sample resolution for the council to consider. The plan is a requirement as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under FEMA grant programs.

City Attorney, Bruce Berkley, reported that John Riggs is working on a final copy for annexation. Bruce also presented an ordinance, designating through streets, for council's consideration. Action was tabled.

Ron Duran gave the animal control report. He continues to trap stray cats. He had received a call from the sheriff's office requesting that he pick up stray dogs from outside the city limits. The dogs were picked up and impounded. There was discussion concerning the liability for impound charges. Council is unaware of the county policy for stray animals.

City Superintendent, Terry Gradig, reported that he had checked on the B&W parking lot and didn't see any damage by the city. Research has not located any agreements. Mayor Brush will address a letter to Mr. Watts.

Terry presented a possible newspaper ad for selling the eight available commercial lots in the 500 block of Delay. Material has been removed and they are ready for sale. There was discussion. No action taken.

Terry reported that he will be getting quotes to remodel the storage building at the roadside park. He would like to extend the building by 20' and add new garage doors.

Terry reported that they have been doing some work at the lagoons. Eric Staab, KDHE, has been updated and he is satisfied with the progress. Eric said that he would work with the city to allow the lagoons to dry out over the winter. Terry will continue with the quarterly reports.

Terry discussed the estimated costs to extend the water line on the north side of the highway from the cemetery to Proshield. Materials were estimated at \$10,000. Doug Guenther, Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA), will be testing fire hydrants. This is a free service.

Terry reported that he and Mayor Brush had contacted the railroad concerning options for alternate railroad crossings due to Clark Street closing. Option #1: Just east of Clark Street – very unlikely to be approved due to a bad angle. Option #2: Prentiss Street crossing, still crossing four tracks and would be expensive, at \$500,000. Option #3: Extending Railroad to sale barn road. Terry estimated material for this option to be \$3200.00. Council asked that Terry contact Ross Township. John B. moved, seconded by Tonya, to allow the superintendent to continue looking into extending Railroad Ave to sale barn road. Carried.

A quote from APAC was received to crush the old concrete and ditch liner. There was discussion.

John C., Assistant Fire Chief, reported that the department will start some pre-planning with the business district. They will measure the businesses, note hazards, and closest hydrants, etc.

Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to approve demolition permit #15-27. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by John B., to approve J&K Contracting's pay application #2 in the amount of \$139,155.09. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve KDHE loan distribution request #2 in the amount of \$120,064.08. Carried.

Council discussed the proposed Sewer Improvement Contract Change Order #2 which would deduct the grass seeding and concrete collars around manhole lids. Action was tabled for further review and discussion with land owners.

Options for increasing water and sewer rates were presented by John C. Tonya presented two options for a sewer rate increase with a five year plan as suggested by the Downs Enterprises proposal. Action was tabled. Tonya will prepare a couple of options which include the water increases and present at the next meeting.

It was noted that the NWKP&DC annual meeting would be a conflict with the next regular meeting, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

John B. and John C. will attend the Osborne County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

At 7:30 p.m., John B. moved to adjourn the meeting. Teri seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

