

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held November 4, 2019, 5:30 p.m., at city hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Evan Joy, Jane VanDonge, Charlie Stevens, Devin Renken, and Tonya Kuhn. Others in attendance: Richard Judd, LaRhea Cole, Sheila Curtis, James Benites, Vickie Oviatt, Kent Sullivan, Harry Colburn.

Mayor John 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 21, 2019. Carried.

Sheila Curtis was present to request a zoning change in property located at 303-306 Peterman Street, formerly a trailer park. She would like to use part of the property for a short-term RV park. This would offer additional places for hunters, fisherman, and other short-term visitors to stay. Bruce suggested the council direct the planning commission to address the issue. Tonya moved to send this issue to the Planning Commission. Jane seconded. Carried.

Bruce questioned if the council would be willing to sell the lot that Don Brummer had gifted to the city. Council agreed they would be willing to sell this lot. There was some discussion regarding a dump and the septic tanks on these lots.

Harry Colburn reported on code enforcement activity. 823 Blunt has made some progress. Trash has been removed from 704 Ross. A letter was hand delivered to remove an RV.

Richard Judd, Animal Control, reported that he had contacted 13 people regarding no dog tags. Richard suggested that a couple days be set aside in the spring just for dog tags.

City Superintendent reported on replacing meters, winterizing bathrooms and vehicles, tree trimming. The tree dump has been burned. The Bobcat loader was picked up and a machine from Carrico is scheduled to be delivered the 15th. Kent said he would like to donate a snow blade to the city. He will check with Sheri on the insurance. They will be checking sewer mains. Overtime has been cut way back for employees, but they have a lot to get done. Ron Eberle will be replacing the doors on the park building next week.

Kent attended a Sanitation meeting in Osborne. Al Reif would like to meet with the council at the next regular meeting regarding recycling.

City Clerk reminded council of election on Tuesday, the Lakeside Community Scholar Bowl on Wednesday, and the public hearing for a Zoning Variance on Thursday. Employee comp time accruals were copied for the council's review.

Bruce reported that the fire department will be purchasing a couple pair of boots.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed. Tonya moved, seconded by Jane, to approve vouchers and payrolls. Carried.

At 6:50 p.m., Tonya moved to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the mayor, council, city attorney, clerk, and code enforcement officer, to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. Jane seconded. Carried.

At 6:52 p.m., regular session resumed.

At 6:52 p.m., Tonya moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes with the mayor, council, city attorney, and clerk, to discuss matters of non-elected personnel and applications for employment. Jane seconded the motion. Carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:22 p.m.

At 7:23 p.m., Tonya moved to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the mayor, council, city attorney, and clerk, to discuss matters of non-elected personnel and applications for employment. Jane seconded. Carried.

At 7:28, regular session resumed.

Tonya moved to set up interviews with five applicants next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Devin seconded. Carried.

Tonya moved to have the city attorney prepare a Charter Ordinance to charter out of KSA 15-209. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

At 7:30 p.m., Tonya moved to adjourn. Jane seconded. Carried.

John Bisnette, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk