

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held November 19, 2018, 5:30 p.m., at city hall. Mayor John Bisnette presided. Council members present: Jane VanDonge, Charlie Stevens, Evan Joy, Devin Renken, Tonya Kuhn. Others attending: Bruce Berkley, Josh Hofflinger, Vickie Oviatt, Jeff Shelton, Bernita Smith.

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

Devin moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 5, 2018. Carried. Evan abstained.

Jeff Shelton, Code Enforcement, updated council on issues that he is working on. One included the railroad ties at the Third Street crossing. Bruce discussed a formal complaint that was received on the north Morgan property. Council directed Jeff to send out a notice to clean up.

Bruce provided information regarding disclosure of animal control criminal investigation records. Some records containing notes, evidence, should not be disclosed. Council had requested a listing of names/addresses of animal owners that had been given notices.

City Superintendent, Josh Hofflinger, reported that water classes that he attended in Paola went well. Testing will be in December. Knoll's finished repairs to the memorial hall roof. They will be doing repairs at the library as well. Employees have been street sweeping and getting Christmas lights ready. Josh has contacted Remus Plumbing to install the light at the school.

City Clerk reported receipt of a payment in lieu of taxes from the Housing Authority in the amount of \$3131.21. An invitation from Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission was received to attend their annual meeting, November 28th.

Kail Schoen, Fire Chief, was present to request approval of a new member to the department. Mayor Bisnette appointed Collin Jones as a new member. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to approve the mayor's appointment of Collin Jones to the fire department. Carried. Devin abstained.

Kail reported that a donation to the fire department was received from Co-op in the amount of \$1875.00, with matching funds from Land O Lakes for a total of \$3,750.00. Kail requested these funds be transferred from the general fund to the fire equipment reserve fund. Tonya moved to transfer \$3,750.00 in donations to the fire equipment reserve fund. Jane seconded the motion. Carried. Devin abstained.

Kail reported on the 1998 pumper truck that was purchased in September. Unfortunately, it did not pass the pump test and will need repairs quoted at \$13,386.50. Devin moved, seconded by Jane, to approve the fire department to replace the pump at an estimate of \$13,386.50. Carried. Devin abstained. Funds will be used from the equipment reserve.

Mayor Bisnette requested that Kail have an officer attend one meeting per month for reports. Bruce reviewed a letter that was received regarding ice in a low spot in the street near the fire house where a person slipped. He determined it would not be a liability issue for the department or the city.

Evan moved, seconded by Jane, to approve 2019 license renewals #19-09 through #19-16. Carried.

Devin moved to approve CMB license #19-01. Jane seconded. Carried.

Christmas bonus was discussed. Tonya moved, seconded by Jane, to approve a Christmas bonus of Downs scrip, \$350.00 for fulltime employees, and \$200.00 for part-time, including the certified operator. Carried.

Jane discussed holiday pay for employees and suggested the day before Christmas or New Year's. Devin moved, seconded by Charlie, for employees to close at noon on Christmas Eve day and New Year's Eve day with pay for the afternoon. Carried.

Fluoridation was discussed. Bernita Smith was present and distributed additional information and articles that showed a number of studies that suggest the chemical may present a variety of health risks. She had also supplied a DVD for the council titled Professional Perspectives on Water Fluoridation. Mayor Bisnette requested that Josh review the information received from Doug Goetz of Wilson & Co., at report back so that a decision can be made at the next meeting. Josh noted that fluoridation is not required by KDHE, but they would need to be notified.

Mayor Bisnette said that it was his opinion to renew the Law Enforcement contract another year and see what transpires with the next election. Tonya moved, seconded by Evan, to renew the law enforcement contract for 2019 at \$82,500.00. Tonya, Charlie, Evan, and Devin – Yes; Jane – No. Motion carried.

The League's Personnel Policy Service contract had been reviewed. Tonya moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the mayor to sign the contract with the League to update the Personnel Manual at \$3,000.00 plus any additional expenses. Carried.

Mayor Bisnette reported on the proposed septic system for Remus. New measurements will be needed as a shed has been built over the originally planned area.

During council reports, Devin requested that the planning commission readdress Auxiliary Buildings. Mayor Bisnette will check with the chairman.

Evan asked the status of the extension of Railroad Avenue. Bruce is corresponding with Kyle Railroad. Bruce assured council regarding his contract with the city.

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

At 7:06 p.m., Jane moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya seconded. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

John Bisnette, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

