

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held December 1, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Jerry Knouf, Teri Cordill, David Draayer, David Hardy. Also in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Vickie Oviatt, Edgar Reinert, LaRhea Cole, Ron Duran, Evan Joy, Doug Goetz.

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

Dave D. noted a correction to the minutes. Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes as corrected. Carried.

Dave H. entered.

Doug Goetz, Wilson & Co., presented potential alternatives for sewer/water service improvements. He presented maps along with probable project costs. The summary totaled \$647,896.72 with the engineering, legal, and administration costs. Funding was discussed. The sewer alignment for the industrial park is required as part of the decommissioning of the industrial lagoons. Council will review the information. Mayor Brush will contact Rod Geisler, KDHE, with information and questions concerning funding.

Jerry presented the law enforcement report for the period of November 1, 2014 to December 1, 2014.

Bruce had contacted someone about code enforcement, but they were interested in full time employment.

Ron Duran reported on complaints regarding dogs using the library yard. They have shown aggressiveness to the librarian and others. Ron sent out letters concerning late dog tags. Fourteen tags were sold in November.

Terry reported that he could use Cody Burda's help with tree trimming during his break from college. Council agreed.

Terry reported on used trailer prices. A trailer is needed to haul the excavator and skid steer. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to purchase the 18' trailer from Becker Autos and Trailers at a cost of \$3500.00 with the payment from the water/sewer fund. Carried.

Terry asked about the possibility of a credit card. There was discussion. City Clerk will check for sample policies and requirements.

Terry asked about the staff taking ½ day off on Christmas Eve and also on Friday the day after Christmas. Jerry said that he was not in favor of giving an extra paid holiday. Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to allow the city staff and office to take off Christmas Eve at noon and close the Friday after Christmas as a non-paid holiday. Carried.

City Clerk reported that she will be certifying to the county clerk the list of council positions to be voted on at the next city election in April. Anyone desiring to be a candidate must file with the county clerk on or before noon on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

City Clerk reported that the Mayor of Ellis has created a website as a networking tool for cities to post equipment for sale or buy equipment in a classified section for department heads. Membership costs are \$50.00 annually per city. No action was taken.

Bruce had prepared a farm crop share lease. John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a lease with Chase Weis for land north of the cemetery and allow the mayor and clerk to sign. Carried.

Bruce had prepared resolutions regarding the land sale. John moved to adopt Resolution #14-02 and Resolution #14-03. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

John moved to sell a tract of land in 34-6-11 to Chris D. and Deanna L. Clausen for \$7,800.00 and a tract in 29-6-11 to H&H Investments for \$52,000.00 and have the mayor and clerk execute the deeds to affect those conveyances. Dave H. seconded. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by John, to grant the request from Dawn Thomas and allow the Osborne County Christmas Store use of the memorial hall on December 13 and waive the fees. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve 2015 contractor's licenses #15-15, #15-16, #15-17, and #15-18. Carried.

Ads will be placed on Nex Tech and Cunningham cable for code enforcement.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the payroll and vouchers as presented. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Dave H., to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush – Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt – Clerk

