

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held December 7, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present: Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, Devin Renken, John Cary, John Bisnette. Also present: Ron Duran, LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt, Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, and Evan Joy.

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

Teri moved, seconded by Devin, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting. Carried. Tonya abstained.

Officer Marcus Betzold gave the law enforcement report for the period of November 1 – December 1, 2015.

Terry reported that he had nothing new on code enforcement. John C. asked if a letter should be sent on code violation regarding the camper that has been parked for a year. He noted that in the past the city wouldn't allow living in a camper. The planning commission has considered a zoning change, but no recommendations have been presented. City Attorney will send a notification to the owner. John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to have the city attorney send a letter reminding of the violation of ordinance and invite him to a meeting. John C., Tonya, and Teri – Yes. John B. and Devin – No. Motion carried.

Ron Duran asked about the codes regarding kennels for hunting dogs at hunting lodges. Bruce noted that dog houses with pens would be allowed.

City Superintendent reported that Johnson Service had jetted sewer lines and a report is available for viewing.

Council was provided a copy of the Department of Labor Safety Inspection Report. An on-site inspection was completed October 21, 2015. The report identifies potential hazards which were found. Corrective action due date is February 1, 2016.

Terry discussed the sewer improvement change order #2, for grass seeding and concrete collars. He said that Wilson & Co. had suggested that the city do the grass seeding. He also discussed the tree dump and it was suggested that the north half of the big lagoon be sold if not required for use. It was noted that individuals are dumping concrete at the tree dump. There was discussion.

Terry reported that water analysis reports on the lead and copper monitoring resulted in elevated levels of lead in drinking water in a couple of samples. Delivery of public education materials to every customer will be required.

Terry discussed the need for additional water meters. John C. moved, seconded by John B., to allow the city superintendent to purchase new water meters at a cost of \$10,050.00, paid from the water fund. Carried.

Terry asked if the city employees could have an extra holiday on Christmas Eve this year. Following discussion, Devin moved to have the city employees be off at noon Christmas Eve with pay. (1/2 day holiday pay) John C. seconded the motion. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve CMB licenses for Alta Convenience and Strikers Bowling Center (2). Carried.

Teri moved to approve Tree Trimming licenses #16-01 and #16-18. Tonya seconded the motion. Carried.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin, to approve Builder's licenses #16-04; 16-05; 16-07; 16-08; 16-11; 16-13; 16-14; 16-15; and 16-19. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve Plumbing/Gas Fitting licenses #16-02; 16-06; 16-09; 16-10; 16-16; and 16-20. Carried.

John B. moved, seconded by Tonya, to approve Electrical licenses #16-03; 16-12; 16-21; 16-17. Carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John B., to grant the request to waive the memorial hall fees for Breast Friends Foundation for the New Year's Eve event. Carried.

A verbal request to waive memorial hall fees for set up on Friday evening before the holiday gift fair was received from Kathy Tucker. Following discussion regarding the definition of profit and not profit and a review of contract wording, John C. moved that Kathy pay for Friday's rent at \$100.00. Tonya seconded. Tonya, John C., John B., Teri – Yes; Devin – no. Carried.

Mayor Brush will be contacting John Riggs concerning the annexation progress.

Action was tabled for the sale of lots on Delay Street.

Following discussion concerning the grass seeding for the sewer improvement project, John B. moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the city superintendent to do the grass seeding and manholes and approve change order #2. Carried.

Tonya had prepared a spread sheet of water and sewer rates showing a five year plan as proposed by Downs Enterprises. City Attorney had drafted the ordinance increasing the rates for 2016. John C. moved, seconded by Tonya, to pass ordinance #964, setting new sewer/water rates for the year 2016. Tonya, John C., John B., Teri – Yes; Devin – No. Motion carried.

Devin reported on his visit with Sheriff Miner regarding the dispatch of the fire department in conjunction with the ambulance page.

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

At 7:10 p.m. John moved, seconded by Devin, to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush, Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt, Clerk