

Council Meeting 01/03/2022

Minutes taken by Autumn Shreve, City Clerk

Meeting: Time: 7:00 pm Presiding officer: Mayor John Ryan

Council present: Ryan, Moore, Shreve, Seals, Sitz

Attorney Vignery present

Absent: Lister

Employees: Bretsnyder, Seals, A Shreve

Visitors: Bruce Overturf, Ray and Dovia Whitaker, Brandon Lester.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Mayor John Ryan.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting on 12/22//2021 were read for council approval.

 Motion by Shreve, 2nd by Seals to approve the minutes as corrected, motion carried.

Councilmembers Moore, Shreve and Atty Vignery were sworn in by Mayor Ryan.

Old Business

Ray Whittaker regarding Kansas Ave.- Ray requested for the council to consider asphaltting Kansas Ave to at least the bridge. He is concerned about the amount of dust due to the increase in the traffic due to the ATV park. Council advised Ray that part of the road is county and that the city council and maintenance staff are going to be preparing a list of streets to be done. Ray asked to be kept updated.

Open hearing for Longnecker property- Christina Longnecker was present. She stated that she has had neighbors offer to help tear down the structures and has requested for an extension until the ground thaws and it's not as cold. Councilman Moore spoke up confirming the offer of help to tear down the structures. Councilman Seals questioned the removals as well, Christina confirmed the understanding of the removal of the trash/wood. Motion to allow Christina Longnecker until March of 2022 to have Garage and Shed demolished and removed, if not city will proceed with demolition at charge of the homeowner by Shreve, 2nd by Sitz. Councilman Seals requested that homeowner communicate with the council if something comes up, Christina confirmed. Motion carried.

Library

Heather Garrison presented the monthly update for the library.

679 Visitors for the month of December, multiple craft days.

She also stated that the Osage County Sheriff will be using the library on January 10 at 7pm for the Town hall meeting regarding the jail.

The library will be starting an after-school program on January 12 for 5th to 8th grade kids from 3:40 to 4:40pm.

Police

Chief Seals reported for the PD.

Chief Seals presented an award to Brandon Lester for his help by informing the police department of a suspicious person which led to an arrest.

Chief Seals informed the council of officer Garner's First day.

Seals gave an update on the build of the police station.

Maintenance

Dustin reported for the maintenance department.

He advised the council that they received 25 more tons of sand/salt mixture.

The council asked about the completion of the street signs. He advised that it was about 90% complete and that he may need to order a few signs that he isn't sure if were forgotten during order or we didn't receive them. Dustin informed the council that the new hardware expedited the process.

Dustin informed the council that the water plant is running well.

Dustin let the council know that the trailer needs new tires.

Other Departments

COVID leave- the council discussed the covid leave policy and the new CDC regulations. Motion to adopt new COVID policy for the 2022 year to allow up to 40 hours for 5 days with a doctor's note showing positive covid test by Shreve, 2nd by Sitz, motion carried.

Trash north of town- Council was advised that the owner will get it cleaned up and that it was more than expected and placed in the wrong spot.

Training for City Clerk- Motion to allow city clerk to attend Certified Public Manager online program at \$4100 by Sitz, 2nd by Moore, motion carried. Shreve abstained.

Ridgeway Property- council discussed the next steps for the 122 Ridgeway property. Sitz requested the clerk to look into the status of the property tax on the property. Motion to start getting bids for removal or demolition of the trailer on 122 W Ridgeway by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve, motion carried.

Council was presented the contract for the attorney. The council discussed the contract with the attorney and requested some corrections. Motion to sign the contract as corrected by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve. Motion carried.

Motion to pay all approved bills by Sitz, 2nd by Seals, motion carried. Shreve a no.

Moore asked if an executive session was needed regarding insurance. There was discussion about the insurance policy, council agreed to hold off until another meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve, Motion carried.