

## **Council Meeting 03/06/2023**

Minutes taken by Autumn Shreve, City Clerk

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

Council present: Moore, Lister, Seals

Council absents: Shreve, Sitz

Atty Vignery: Present

Employees: Bretsnyder, S. Seals, A. Shreve

Visitors: per registry

### **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 02/21/2023 were read for council approval.

🗣️ Motion by Seals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to accept minutes with corrections motion carried. Moore abstained.

### **Ridgeway Township-Jim Shively:**

Jim Shively came to the council requesting permission to store tires and other items at the lagoon by the water plant to dispose at a later date. He stated that the items are dumped in the ditches along the roads maintained by the township. There was discussion on this issue. Some of the council is concerned on the regulations with KDHE and if the insurance company would allow this.

The mayor asked the township if there had been thought of purchasing property to store equipment and said tires and items. Mike Lollar stated that they just do not have the budget to do that.

The Mayor stated that he is not in favor of this but that the city will look into the regulations with KDHE, the insurance company and other organizations that might need to be involved.

### **Farmer's Market:**

Mary Vawter-Burgett was present to request use of the North Park for the Farmer's Market for the 2023 year as many years prior. They are looking to start May 24 to possibly October 11<sup>th</sup> at the latest. She stated that would be the latest but that they have ended two weeks prior to that in previous years.

Seals asked about the location of the vendors as he is concerned about the safety of the community members shopping. There was discussion on the new parking area and locating the vendors there this year. Mary stated they will try it and see how it goes.

Motion to allow the Lion's club to use the North City Park for the Farmer's Market from May 24 to October 11 on Wednesdays from 4-6:30 at the latest, ending date subject to end earlier by Seals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister, motion carried.

### **Worship Service Request**

The council was presented a letter from Dynamite Revival Ministries to request use of the city park on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

There was discussion on the council receiving this yearly.

Motion to allow Greg Rickel with Dynamite Revival Ministries to have his worship service at the City park on July 15, 2023 from 4:00 to 5:30pm by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seals, motion carried.

### **Police Department**

Chief Seals presented multiple candidates to the council for review. She informed the council she would like to do interviews with all of them and would inform them they need to fill out the city application before interviewing. Council agreed and scheduled interviews for Monday March 13 at 7:00pm.

The mayor asked about the camera situation with the library sign. The chief stated she would be speaking with Don about a filter or adjusting the cameras, she will update the council after she speaks with him.

### **Maintenance**

Dustin was present for maintenance.

He informed the council that the 2006 maintenance truck may have a head problem that could cost upwards of \$10,000 for repair.

Dustin has been working on the street repair list and should have it for the council to review at the next council meeting.

There was a mention of the Facebook post about the water smelling of chlorine, Dustin informed the council that they ran keys and all looked good with them.

The Mayor updated the council that they would be having the preconstruction meeting Tuesday for the sidewalk project. There are 23 trees that are needing removed and this meeting will help to make sure everyone is on the same page.

The floor in the bulk water building has been repaired as it had some soft spots in it.

Jim Shively wanted to thank Dustin and John for getting the flag at the water plant changes as the previous one had been torn and tattered. He also had a request to find out if the fish feeder could be moved from it's current location as when a wedding happens it is right in the middle of the pictures. The mayor stated that we will need to check with the contracted fish feeder to determine if it can be moved.

## **Other Departments**

### **Server & Email:**

Seals spoke to the council regarding the server and email service. Due to his company letting go some of his employees and the lack of downtime he currently does not have the time to be able to get the server up and running for at least 6 months.

He stated that due to the software being nonreturnable he would be willing to purchase it. And that the server could be an extra one on hand whether we use it as a file server or the PD uses it.

New email service quotes will be provided to the council at the next council meeting to help come up with a plan.

### **Legislative Law Handbook 2023**

The office staff has requested to purchase a copy of the 2023 Legislative law handbook from the Kansas League of Municipalities. Motion to allow the office to purchase the 2023 Legislative Law handbook for \$225 from the League by Seals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister, Motion carried.

### **Annexation:**

Tonya updated the council on the status of the annexation plan. She stated that she has the resolution completed, but has some questions on a couple properties as the lists are a little different.

She stated there is still a lot to do but she should have a timeline with dates by the next council meeting.

She is needing help from the city clerk to show the changes in the tax rates for the properties as they will change from county to city and this will be needed for the plan.

She is also needing to get the information for property #12 for 416 N Topeka from the title company. Motion to allow Attorney Vignery to do a title search for Property #12 with Advance Title for \$200 by Seals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Moore, motion carried.

There was discussion on reaching out to Glen Combes trustee to find out if they would agree to the annexation. Besides the amount of acreage, they would be a unilateral annexation. The mayor will make contact with the family.

Motion to approve all paid bills by Seals, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:07pm by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seals, motion carried.