

Council Meeting 04/19/2021

Minutes taken by Paula Tryon, City Clerk

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

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

Council Absent: none

Atty DeVoe present

Employees: Poley, Reynolds, Seals, & Tryon

Visitors: Gary Rush (OCHC), Jay Clark, Lisa Hatfield, Erin Reece, Kelli Moore, Ray & Dovian Whitaker, Holly Hinck, Madison Sowers, James Dodds, April Gleason.

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 4/5/2021 were read for council approval.

◆ Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Lister to approve the minutes as corrected, motion carried.

The minutes for the special meeting on 4/15/2021 with the City Council and Library board were read for approval.

◆ Motion by Sitz 2nd by Shreve to approve as read. Motion carried.

Bid opening for street projects

Mayor Ryan opened the bids.

- Bettis Asphalt \$94,600.00 for overlay
- Sunflower Paving \$69,590.50 for overlay
- Vance Bros \$134,189.49 for scrub and micro seal

◆ Motion by Lister to accept the bid from Sunflower Paving for \$69,590.50 for overlay work, Shreve 2nd, motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the bid for scrub and micro seal work. Council didn't want to spend the full budgeted amount.

◆ Motion by Lister to accept the Vance Brothers bid, but only items 1-4 for a total of \$60,639.30 for the scrub & seal work, Sitz 2nd, motion carried.

Total approved work is \$130,229.80.

Jay Clark from **Heroes on the Water** spoke to the council about the possibility of using the city lake for an event for people who are suffering from PTSD. They have people who are licensed to train people how to fish. It would be a one-day event usually from 9am to 3pm on either Aug 7th or 14th. There would be approximately 38 kayaks and 6 volunteer boats for safety. Mayor Ryan noted that the primary use of the lake is for the City's water source. A waiver would be needed to use the kayaks.

◆ Motion by Sitz to allow the Heroes on the Water organization to have the event as requested, a waiver will be needed for the kayaks. Seals 2nd, motion carried. Chief Seals will check with KDWPT about any problems.

Midland Care Services Lisa Hatfield and Erin Reece gave a presentation to the council about the services provided by Midland Care Services. Handouts were also provided to the council .

Main Street Bargains April Gleason gave an update to the council regarding updates to the buildings they have purchased downtown. The roof on the shorter buildings needs to be completely replaced. They would like to move the store to the shorter buildings and rent out the building they are currently using. Mayor Ryan asked her to come back in August for another update.

Madison Sowers returned to the council to get a decision about the purchase of property @ 222 Main.

◆ Motion by Seals to sell the property to her for \$1,000.00, Shreve 2nd. Ryan asked for a vote, four raised hands, Sitz opposed. Motion carried.

Madison will contact City Hall on Tuesday.

Ray Whitaker spoke to the council about S Kansas, he's requesting that the city pave the road. Mayor Ryan stated that with the street repairs this summer the road could possibly get some millings placed to help control the dust from Main St to the bridge.

215 Market- Mr Dodds reported on the progress for repairs on the property. Council asked him to report back at the July 19th meeting.

424 Main- Owners did not attend the meeting. Council asked Kim to notify the owners that the council has asked them to attend the June 7th meeting to report in person.

113 N Fourth- A suggestion was made that the city purchase the property for the taxes due. (\$3,123.80). Owner lives in Kincaid, KS, council asked that a letter be sent to the owner to see if they are willing to sell. Atty DeVoe to look at the letter before sent.

Holly Hinck spoke to the council about the possibility of putting a skate park or bike park in the city park addition, there could also be a walking trail. The mayor stated that the city would need a plan for this proposal, other considerations would be the maintenance and insurance liabilities.

122 W Ridgeway – Move forward with getting this cleaned up.
Atty DeVoe will have zoning/demolition information for Thursday's meeting.

Sample directional signs for in town were presented but not quite as big as needed, Mayor Ryan will follow up on this.

Police Dept

Chief Seals reported.

Shannon reported on repairs done on the 2012 Charger the city has spent \$9,956.53 in repairs in the past three years. She shared a list of vehicles available from KHP.

- Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve to tag a 2020 Durango around \$30,000.00, preferably with a light bar. Motion carried. K Seals abstained.
Chief Seals will share at the Overbrook Attendance Center, she will be interviewed by the kids.

Maintenance Dept

No employee to report

Mayor Ryan noted that the skid loader has been repaired and is back in city lot.

The generator at the water plant is not running, there is an estimate of approximately \$5,100.00 to repair. It needs a heater and batteries. Ryan told them to get it repaired, it is no good to the city if it doesn't work and storm season is here.

Mayor Ryan attended the meeting with RWD 8, the meeting went well, no decisions were made. There is a downspout that needs repaired at the city park.

Other Departments

Library lease agreement- Council members reviewed it and agreed with the wording.

- Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Seals to approve as written. Mayor asked for a vote in agreement with raised hands. All five members raised their hands, motion carried.

Atty DeVoe requested the city pay the registration fee for her to attend the **2021 CAAK Spring conference**. The registration is \$65.00 she will pay for the travel expense to Manhattan.

- Motion by Lister, 2nd by Shreve to approve the request. Motion carried

Position descriptions. There was some discussion, it was decided that this needed a special meeting

- Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve to hold a special meeting on May 6th @ 7pm, motion carried.

No extension requests were received.

Motion to pay approved bills

- Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Seals to pay all approved bills. Motion carried.

Adjournment

- Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Shreve to adjourn at 10:15pm, motion carried.