

Council Meeting 10/16/2023

Minutes taken by Autumn Shreve, City Clerk

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

Council present: Seals, Sitz, Lister, Moore

Council Absent: Shreve

Atty Vignery: Absent

Employees: A. Shreve, S Seals.

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 10/02/23 were read for council approval.

🗳️ Motion by Sitz, 2nd by Lister to accept minutes with corrections, motion carried, Moore abstained

Pool Resurface Revisit

There was discussion on the revisit of the pool resurface and the 4% mobilization fee.

Motion by Seals to accept the proposal with the 4% mobilization fee of \$165,295.00, 2nd by Sitz, motion carried. Moore abstained.

Rezoning of 118 Center St.

The rezoning application was presented to the council as the zoning & planning commission has approved the application to rezone 118 Center from Residential (r-2) to Commercial (B-2). There was a discussion on the location and Anthony DaPrato was present to explain his plan.

Motion by Seals to have a public hearing on November 6, 2023, for the rezoning process 118 Center St., 2nd by Lister, there was discussion on who should be notified, motion carried.

Recreation Commission

Sitz informed the Recreation Commission that the Council was looking into the possibility of bringing the recreation commission back under the city.

There was some heated discussion about this possibility and the benefits of allowing the Rec Commission to continue with the rec programs while giving them some time to make changes. There was mention from the council to bring in some adult rec programs and more youth programs.

There was an agreement between the Recreation Commission and the City Council to have more communication and the possibility of a quarterly update.

The Recreation Commission will run as is for now.

Library

Heather updated the council on the monthly numbers. She stated the numbers are still on the rise.

There will be a costume contest on Sunday October 29 from 2-4 then the Trunk or Treat is 4-6pm.

They will be closed Saturday November 11 for Veteran's day.

She informed the council that she thought the forum went well.

Heather asked about the possibility of changing her reporting to quarterly instead of monthly. The council was ok with this.

Motion to accept Jenny Winchell as new member of Library Board by Sitz, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Police Department

Shannon informed the council that the police department was doing a Monster Hunt and that it has been very successful.

Shannon presented new equipment to the council. She felt that the stinger would help with chases, but that they are still in preliminary training. There were four sets donated to the police department, this saves the Department \$1200.

Shannon is working with the surrounding chiefs for combined training. They are taking Suicide Prevention training. The training is provided for free by Drug Free Osage County.

She stated that Ethan is doing well.

There was a question on the use of the Tahoe as the insurance company was requesting an update. The Tahoe is not being used as a pursuit vehicle.

The Mayor is concerned about the Tahoe previously costing the city money for consistent repairs and has concerns about it continuing.

There was a question on how the new computers were working, Shannon advised they are working well. Kevin informed the council about the issue with Microsoft 365 and advised the city clerk was looking into it.

Maintenance

Maintenance was not present.

Mayor informed the council of the Vance brothers bill and the concern of the unfinished portions. The council was advised that Dustin and the City clerk were in contact with Vance to review the lack of completion.

There were questions on other roads throughout the city.

The mayor informed the council that the plant and sewer are currently good.

Other

Volleyball Sub-State advertisement

Motion to approve \$100 ad for the Volleyball Sub-State program with Royal Publishing by Sitz, 2nd by Lister motion carried.

Kansas Main Street workshop

Autumn presented information regarding the Kansas Main Street Workshop being hosted by Osage County. She suggested it would be a good program to help revitalize the downtown.

Motion by Sitz to allow Autumn to go to the Kansas Main Street Workshop on November 8 from 1-3pm, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Juneteenth

The council was presented with the information regarding the governor making Juneteenth a state holiday. The council will think about the possibility of adding it as a city holiday or not.

Park

Sitz spoke about how the council should allot some of the ARPA to the park improvement project.

Motion by Sitz to allot \$40,000 of the remaining ARPA funds to the park improvement project, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Extension Requests

Motion by Seals to approve all extension requests, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Moore mentioned that the Gleasons may be getting ready to sell half of the Main St. Building. He was concerned about the current status of the building and had questions about condemning the building.

There were questions from the visitors about allowing, if someone bought it, time to get the building cleaned and fixed up. The council feels that could happen but that they want to make sure no one gets hurt in the building.

The council would like to start the dangerous structure process, but Tonya was unavailable at the meeting.

There was a question on the historic status of the building, it is not currently on the historic registry.

Bills

Motion to approve all paid bills by Sitz, 2nd by Seals, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50p.m. by Seals, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.