

**Meeting Date 3/3/14**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Minutes taken by: Paula Tryon**

**Presiding Officer: Ruth Towne, Mayor**

**Council Present:** G Reed, J Ryan, J Hudson, L Curtis & C Lister

**Employees present:** K Reynolds, K Richardson, A Sherwood, C Edin. **Absent:** S DeVoe, atty.

**Visitors:** L & K Hinck, M Stevens, Rick Ensz (bond underwriter), G Anderson, S Watson, John Blessing (Diffenbaugh Industries), R Piper, Dan Rukes (Os Co Herald-Chronicle).

**Reading of Minutes for 2/18/14 meeting.**

\*Motion by Ryan, second by Reed to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Bond Council:** Rick Ensz presented a proposal to contract with the City of Carbondale to help get bonds issued after the financing for the sewer project is paid off. Councilman Ryan stated that we would seek further information later in the Sewer Project process.

**Osage County Herald –Chronicle:** Dan Rukes gave a presentation for advertising in the *Osage County Herald-Chronicle Your Guide to Osage County, 2014-2016*. These guides are good for two years and are available throughout the county and at various events state-wide.

\*Motion by Curtis to buy the same ad as previously purchased and include \$200.00 to help cover printing expenses. Second by Lister. Motion carried.

**Police Dept:** Chris Edin reported activities for the past two weeks. He also reminded citizens to close and lock doors.

**Maintenance**

Sewer Loan Agreement: Letter from KDHE regarding interest payments discussed.

\* Motion by Lister, second by Curtis to pay interest as accrued rather than let it accrue into the loan balance. Motion carried.

Kevin reported that last Friday, 2/28/14, the water tower lost a transducer resulting in low water pressure, repairs have been made.

The furnace in the old treatment building is not working. Maintenance has received one bid from S&S they are waiting on two more to come in.

Kevin presented the council with three bids for mowers:

Tarwater= Grasshopper for \$11688.75, commercial, 3 cyl diesel

KanEquip= Kubota ZD326P-60 for \$11500.00, commercial, 3 cyl diesel

Blue Valley Tractor & Supply= Exmark Lazer 60 for \$13599.00, commercial, 3 cyl diesel

\* Motion by Reed to buy the Kubota from KanEquip for \$11500.00. Ryan second. Motion carried.

There is a fire hydrant out of service on Commercial St, the fire dept has been notified. Maintenance is waiting on parts to repair the hydrant.

**City Library**

Kandy Hinck gave the monthly Library report.

Marge Kleier has retired, Mary Mellis may be a new substitute, Emily Morris is the new Library treasurer.

The Library plans to have garage sale maps available again this year for the City-wide garage sale in April and will have a flower sale on May 2-3.

The Library board meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Lee Curtis mentioned using the old Caseys building for the library. Kandy was not sure the building was as large as what they have access to in the City Hall building, but will check.

The Library has had some technology changes and may need some computer replacement.

**Os Co Economic Development:**

Stephanie Watson informed the City Council of a business interested in locating on the east side of HWY 75 north of 137<sup>th</sup> St. The business would require high volume water. The business could possibly bring eleven jobs to the community. The council conferred with maintenance to make sure that the plant could handle this type of water volume. Kevin responded that the water plant would be able to provide for that need.

**New Business**

**John Blessing from Diffenbaugh Industry** said the company is interested in placing a bid for the waste disposal contract that is coming up this summer.

**Quick Books check-up** for the city office. A request was made to close the city office while a QuickBooks specialist comes to check our program and discuss office procedures. The cost is \$40.00 per hour and mileage one way.

\* Motion by Ryan to approve the QuickBooks specialist for a maximum of 3 hours and close the office during this time, at a cost of \$120.00 plus mileage. Second by Hudson, motion carried.

**Court disposition report** was given to the council for Jan 15-Feb 13,2014.

**Training request** for Kim to attend a Beginning QuickBooks class at Washburn Tech on Apr 24 from 9-4 and to attend an Excel class at Washburn Tech on May 7 from 9-4.

\* Motion by Ryan, second by Lister to allow Kim to attend the two classes. Motion carried.

**Exec session requested by Maintenance Dept.**

\*Motion by Ryan second by Lister to have a 15 minute Exec session. Kevin requested that council, Albert, Kim , Paula and he all are included. Motion carried

Exec session lasted 8:27 pm – 8:42 pm. No decisions were made.

Regular session reopened 8:42 pm

\* Motion by Hudson, second by Lister to pay all approved bills. Motion carried.

\* Motion by Ryan, second by Reed to adjourn @ 8:43 pm. Motion carried.