

Council Meeting 02/06/2023

Minutes taken by Autumn Shreve, City Clerk

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

Council present: Moore, Seals, Lister

Attorney Vignery- Present

Absent: Shreve, Sitz

Employees: A Shreve, S. Seals, Bretsnyder

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 1/16/2023 were read for council approval.

 Motion by Lister, 2nd by Moore to approve the minutes as read, motion carried.

Accreditation:

Sue Ellen Cooper spoke to the council on the importance of involving multiple department in the accreditation process for the police department. She suggested sending someone from the city office and the court clerk to the training to help with the paperwork side of the accreditation process as the chief will need help and there is not enough time for her to do it alone.

She stated there are 167 Kansas Law enforcement standards that they use to help agency. Council agrees to send the court clerk and one of the city office staff to the accreditation training to help with the process.

Audit Results

John Welch presented the audit report to the council. He advised them that the audit went smooth, and the records are good. He stated that the court account name has been changed from a bond account to a trust account as we just hold the bond/money in there until it goes to another account.

He stated that there were no big surprises. He informed the council that he may have an auditor interested in working with city and he will bring in possibly in April to a council meeting.

Motion to accept the audit as presented and submit it to the state of Kansas by Seals, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Amy Miner-

Amy came to the council to see what the council is thinking, she stated that she held training but not many showing up and that she hasn't has much support from the community to get a TNR program started in Carbondale.

Amy stated she is looking for someone to market it and advertise the program.

The council reminded that it cannot be council/police run. The city clerk asked about getting a training set up for the month of March at city hall as Amy stated she would be back in Carbondale in March. Autumn asked the council if the city office could advertise the training on the city Facebook page and website until then to get the information out to the community as the last event did not give enough time to inform the community member. Council was okay with this idea.

Lion's Club

Kelly requested on behalf of the Lion's club to have the Fall Festival on September 30.

Motion to allow the Lion Club to have the Fall Festival on September 30, 2023 with more information and event to be determined at a later date by Lister, 2nd by Seals, Motion carried.

The Lion's Club was also wondering who was responsible for the gazebo at the park. The mayor stated that he doesn't know that is was ever specified who it belonged to but that the maintenance department took care of the maintenance of it. Kelly informed the council that the Lion's Club was throwing around ideas of tearing it down and putting up a flag display but still having a memorial for Bradley and adding benches with memorial plates for past lion's club members.

Jeff Young-

Jeff came to the council with a few issues he wanted to discuss.

He is upset about his code issues that he is dealing with in court. He was advised that as it is a court issue the council can not make a judgement on it. He stated he does not know what he needs to do to comply. Chief spoke up on the code procedure and Tonya advised that it does not have to be a written complaint.

Tonya spoke with him and advised he was given the opportunity to set up a special hearing outside of the court dates and he has failed to do so. She told him he needed to get with Ashley after his doctor appointment and give her some dates that he will be in town to have the special hearing.

Jeff also advised the council that he would like the city to vacate the property at the end of David street next to his house. He states he mows it. The mayor advised him it is his responsibility to maintain the easement per city ordinance. John will go look at the location.

Police

Seals wanted to make sure there was a motion for the accreditation training.

Motion to allow Court clerk and one city office person to attend accreditation training on February 16th to include mileage and reimbursement for one meal providing receipt by Seals, 2nd by Moore, Motion carried.

Motion to renew the Datapilot contract for the 2023 year for \$995.00 by Seals, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Police officers pay scale revisit.

There was discussion on the rates and what other cities are doing. It was mentioned that we must increase our pay to get a better selection and long-term potential.

Motion to accept pay rate change for Police officers at hourly rates for Non-Certified starting at \$18.00, Certified starting at \$18.50, 2 years \$19.50, 5 years \$21.50 and 8 years \$23.50 with COLA increases to be allowed yearly by Seals, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Council requested pay scale in handbook to be updated and brought to next council meeting for approval and well as the Pay rates with budget to verify we will still be under budget.

City Clerk will update the police ad and get it back in the paper.

Maintenance

Dustin updated the council that the pump had been swapped out.

He had also been looking into pricing to replace the diving board at the swimming pool. He stated the pool had been painted in the last few years and the turtle and slide are in good condition.

He also mentioned that the new truck was getting looked at as it is leaking some antifreeze.

Lister mentioned that her meter lid moves around and is plastic, Dustin said he will look at it.

Other Departments

City clerk updated the council on the public hearing by the zoning commission.

Motion to adopt ordinance 536-2023 to change zoning regulations regarding trailer age by Lister, 2nd by Seals, Motion carried.

Old Business

The mayor asked the attorney on the status of the annexation, she stated that she is reworking a few things and should be ready to present at the next council meeting if not that one the following one in March.

Seals updated the council that the server would be delivered Tuesday.

Moore asked about Main Street Bargain and when the Gleason would be providing an update on the empty buildings. Clerk will request them to come to council meeting to update council.

The mayor updated the council on the status of the sidewalk project.

Motion to approve all paid bills by Seals, 2nd by Lister, Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn at 9:17pm by Lister, 2nd Moore, Motion carried.