

Council Meeting 05/20/2024

Minutes taken by Emily Bessette, City Clerk

Meeting: Time: 7:00 PM

Presiding Officer: Mayor Anthony DaPrato

Council Present: Ball, Seals, Lister, Moore

Council Absent: Moeller

Attorney Vignery: Absent

Employees: Shannon Seals, Emily Bessette, Dustin Bretsnyder

Visitors: Per Registry

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting on May 6, 2024 were read for council input and approval. Motion to approve corrected and completed minutes by Moore, second by Ball, Seals abstained. Motion carried.

Traci Smith

Smith requested kayaks to be allowed on East Lake. Discussion on why kayaks were not allowed on the lake for recreation purposes. It is a state lake so The City of Carbondale will need to check with KDHE and State Fish and Game to make sure they allow kayaking and it will not affect funding.

Robby Madden

Madden is the head coach for wrestling within the Santa Fe Trail school district. He is looking for a donation of \$100 for the golf tournament. The donation supports all athletics. Motion by Ball to donate \$100 to Carbondale Attendance Center, 2nd by Seals, motion carried.

Bus pickup is currently on the southside of the school. Street repairs are needed to fill holes. Madden is pushing to move pick ups back to the front of the school keeping only the north lane on the southside open for buses. Repairs will be made the same regardless of future bus usage.

Kelli Moore Lions Club

K. Moore informed the council that Fall Festival would take place on September 28, 2024. They will close the road from 11AM to 11PM from 2nd to 3rd. There was discussion on the Lions Club needing volunteers. Planning will start in June. They do know the band will be The Steve Kyle Band.

They would like to hang flags and banners on the light poles to replace the flags that used to line Main Street. The flag pole holes are unusable. Lions Club wants to hang the flags on Main and Topeka Ave. Starting with eight on Main Street or thirteen to Wilson. They cost \$64 each and are 2x3 double sided. Poles on Main are symmetrical where a banner could be hung across the road. It's believed KDOT regulation is 14' 6" clearance.

Police Department

They played Sand Lot at the park Friday night for S.A.F.E. Summer 2024. They had about 30-40 people attend. They will continue partnering with the Sheriffs Office. There is talk about a possible water balloon night.

Henry, AXON Fleet III, spoke to the council and answered questions via speaker phone. They have special pricing. They are offering a \$10,000 discount. Without any discounts the system would be just shy of \$84,000. It includes body cams and car cams. With the discount it is \$73,829. Payments can be broken down over five years at \$14,765 a year. AXON is willing to lower the first year's payment to \$4,000-\$6,000. Remainder would be spread out over the remaining years. The hardware has a five-year warranty. It covers loss and damage. There is no cost to download evidence. A thirty-minute video equals about 1 gigabyte of storage space. They would uninstall current equipment and install new. They do not buy the old equipment. Grants could be available and can be applied later down the road. Contract can be canceled at any time if the department fell on hard times. Henry can extend the discount offer through June. Community members spoke from the audience that you can't put a price on officers' safety and they liked the idea of our officers being protected. Getac is who the county uses. Kustom Signal also has 4RE systems.

Bills and Notices

City Attorney absent.

City Hall Security

Discussion on it is unknown on how many City Hall keys there are and who all has one. Someone was in City Hall last week after hours and it is unknown who. The backroom was rearranged and some chairs stacked. Motion by Moore for A1 Lock and Key to rekey City Hall not to exceed \$500. Reach out to Tech Electronics again for a quote on fob access.

The code on the safe has been changed.

Installation of Appointed Officers

Anthony Daprato nominated the following appointments:

Chief of Police - Shannon Seals

City Attorney- Tonya Vignery

City Treasurer/Assistant City Clerk – Michael Martin

City Clerk – Emily Bessette

Municipal Court Clerk- Ashley Madden

Municipal Court Judge – Frederick Godderz

Official Newspaper – Osage County Herald Chronicle

Official Depository – First Security Bank

Motion by Ball to reappoint Shannon Seals as Chief of Police 2nd by Moore, Motion carried, K. Seals abstained.

Motion by Moore to reappoint Tonya Vignery as City Attorney, no 2nd, motion failed. Comments made without reappointment; The City of Carbondale will not have an attorney until a new one is appointed.

Motion by K. Seals to reappoint Michael Martin as City Treasurer/Assistant City Clerk, 2nd by Ball, Motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to reappoint Emily Bessette as City Clerk, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to reappoint Fredrick Godderz as Municipal Court Judge, 2nd by Lister, Motion Carried.

Motion by K. Seals to reappoint the Osage County Herald Chronicle as the City Official Newspaper, 2nd by Balls, Motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to reappoint The First Security Bank, Carbondale at the Official Depository 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Motion by Ball to reappoint Ashley Madden as Court Clerk 2nd by Moore, motion carried, K. Seals Abstained.

EMC Insurance

Outlet covers at the park are being kicked off. They have been replaced and it just continues to happen. Discussion on outlets and how to apply with insurance. There is also an outlet on the backside of the bathrooms. Motion by K. Seals to remove outlets and cap them off at the gazebo, 2nd by Moore, Motion carried.

Jungle gym has to have 6-12 inches of material under it extending six feet in all directions. K. Seals motioned to remove the jungle gym at city park, 2nd by Moore, Motion carried. Lister expressed interest in the jungle gym.

Maintenance

Joshua and Jonathan have been riding together in one truck including to hang hangtags and make trips to Topeka. Bretsnyder confirmed all three trucks were in working order. Council would like to see them separated and working on separate things unless a two-man job. Jonathan starts weekends on May 25, 2024 at the water plant.

Mowers were left out of the building and not in the fenced area. Mowers need to be locked up when not in use.

Hand dryer in the park bathroom needs secured or removed. It is currently being held up by duct tape and a stick.

Zebra muscles in east lake – Biologist said to add blue cat to the lake but they would eat the shad. There is a chemical with bioproducts that aren't as friendly that could be used. Hydrogen peroxide has been proven effective at keeping piping free of mussels. It kills the small, attached mussels and prevents veliger settlement.

Discussion on road repairs including W. North.

Tree down in alley by the school is waiting for Mediacom to clear the lines. Policy will be looked at in the future on who is responsible for fallen brush in alleyway.

Compensation Time

Discussion on how it is hard for employees to use up comp time along with vacation time by the end of the year. Employees end up losing vacation time that they are unable to carry over due to using comp time first. Budgeting overtime is difficult and will be looked into when rewriting policy and handbook. Any overtime needs to be approved by supervisor and the mayor. Until the special meeting for policy and handbook pay will continue as is earning comp time on holiday, comp, sick or vacation time. Bretsnyder will stop OT in his department by employees leaving early during the week to compensate for weekend water plant duty.

Sever/Switches Quote

Put on hold until next meeting.

Committee for Policy and Ordinance

Moore would like to put together a committee for policy and ordinance that meets twice a year to review and present. Ideally, he would like to see the Mayor, two council members, office staff and court on committee, not to exceed five people.

Ink for printer

Office needs ink for printer. It is cheaper to purchase a multipack rather than individual packs. Lister made a motion to approve \$233.99 for printer ink, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Tornado Sirens

Doug Eamigh is present and mentioned the tornado sirens did not sound until 15 minutes after they were supposed to due to technical error. Citizens get upset that the siren sounds every day at 6:00pm including cloudy days. Siren will continue to be tested daily at 6:00pm. Discussion on siren on west hill not working.

Extension Request

Motion by Lister to approve all extension request, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Bills, Notes, FYI

Motion by Seals that they looked at bills, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Seals, 2nd by Ball. Meeting adjourn 9:34pm.