

Council Meeting 09/5/2023

Minutes taken by Emily Besette, City Treasurer

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

Council present: Seals, Lister, Shreve, Moore

Council Absent: Sitz

Atty Vignery: Absent

Employees: A. Shreve, J. Shreve, E. Besette

Visitors: Per Registry, Ashton Traphagen

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 08/21/2023 were read for council approval.

 Motion by Seals, 2nd by Lister to accept minutes with corrections, motion carried. Shreve Abstained.

Auditor Proposals

Gordon CPA is the only company who responded. There were concerns that Gordon was not present at the meeting. Discussion about concern, company location and budget. Bid was for \$8,750, \$175 per hour outside scope of contract.

Motion by Shreve to hire Gordon CPA, 2nd by Seals, Motion carried.

Ashton Traphagen

Ashton asked about putting a gravel, angled parking lot on the east side of his business on 3rd street. He was unsure if he needed to address the counsel or zoning. He advised that the café construction has resumed and they hoped to open by fall. With the café, business would be picking up and he would need more parking. He wants to do a trial period to make sure that it is working effectively for everyone. If it does work out, he will pour concrete including curbs. He has six parking spots now that are parallel and changing them to slant it would give him an additional six parking spaces. This area will be for café parking only as his café will hold a maximum of 42 people. No Down-Home Auto customers will be allowed in these spots, café only besides public parking. He advised his lot is being cleaned up so that more customer cars can be kept inside the fence. All vehicles have tags, insurance, registered and 100% operational under Kansas laws. They would like to make the first spot on Main street closest to the door handicap as well as the first spot on 3rd street. After the one-year trial if this does not work he will change it back to the current status, A five year backup plan has been create to purchase the house next door but at this time the price is still in negotiation and too high. Ryan had

questions about taking grass out as well and Ashton stated they would pour new sidewalks as well.

Motion by Seals to approve Ashton to put in a gravel parking lot on the east side of his businesses as a one-year trial for slant parking, 2nd by Shreve, Motion carried.

Maintenance

Seals explained bids from Payne Auto Repair to fix the maintenance truck. There was a discussion and all agreed with the age of the truck these repairs the city would get more out of the truck with the money spent. J. Shreve was present for this conversation.

Motion by Seals to approve \$9,437.00 to fix the 2006 truck. Shreve and Moore 2nd at the same time, Motion carried.

The bridge on Lawrence is installed for new development. Sewer is connected on Lawrence. Seals asked about 4th street. Ryan explained it is more than 4th street and explained how the process of sand and oil worked. There was discussion about a camper that had been parked on the road so that place in the street did not get completed. Moore asked if the city went door to door and the answer was no. If they had then the vehicle could have been towed and street repaired. In the future he would like hang tags on every door.

The water plant is doing good. Internet has been working since the new external antenna was installed.

Other

Lister asked about zoning with the new modular/trailer that was put in. Discussion was made on concrete verse blocks and was defines a modular home. At this time, it has no skirting, you can see under it and it is sitting on blocks. Questions about footing and foundation. Discussion on what the title labels the home as a modular or trailer. Utilities are on and the family has moved in. Lister and Moore agree it is a trailer. Ryan will contact Dillon with zoning.

Council had questions for Vignery, who was absent, on condemning the Ridgeway home.

Police Department

Chief Seals was absent. The cameras have arrived and waiting on a date to install.

Lister had a question on who pays Carbondale Vet Clinic. The city pays the bill until the owner comes forward; at that time the owner repays the city. If no owner is located the animal goes up for adoption and adoption fees help cover cost. This is only for animals that the Carbondale police pick up and take to the vet.

Bills

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

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. by Seals, 2nd by Moore and Shreve, motion carried.