

## **Council Meeting 11/2/2020**

Minutes taken by Paula Tryon, City Clerk

**Meeting:** Time: 7:00 pm      Presiding officer: Mayor Fulton

Council present: Fulton, Ryan, Seals, Sitz & Lister

Council Absent: Shreve

Atty DeVoe absent

Employees: Reynolds, Kreshel, Seals, & Tryon

Visitors: Traci Smith, Evelyn Webster, Karen Long, Joyce Weir, Margaret Gunnells, Jacob Schuetz, multiple county residents

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Mayor Fulton

### **Reading of Minutes**

The minutes for the council meeting on 10/19/2020 were read for council approval.

Councilman Seals noted that the sentence for the need for laptops for the police cars should be stricken.

● Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to approve the minutes as corrected, motion carried.

The minutes for the special meeting with the Library board were read for council approval.

● Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seals to approve as read, motion carried.

Karen Long spoke to the council about a **Public Hearing Notice for Osage Co Kansas** regarding a proposed limestone quarry @ 13252 Adams, many guests were in attendance concerned about the effects of the blasting. The hearing is Tues 11/24/2020 @ 7pm in the county commission room of the court house on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Some of the council members said that they would attend the meeting as this could cause damage to property in the city due to mine shafts in the area or could cause problems with the dam @ Strowbridge lake.

One of the guests works at the Historical Society and could possibly help with information needed.

Evelyn Webster spoke to the council about her water bill, she had usage of 46,950 gallons of water. She had a break in her water line.

● Motion by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sitz to bill according to average usage, motion carried.

Kenneth Thompson sent a request to the city council about his water bill. His usage showed 73,530 gallons used. He requested that he be billed for 6,000 gallons which is an estimate of his monthly usage.

Council suggested that he come to the next council meeting on 11/16/2020.

### **Executive session**

● Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to enter into executive session @ 7:30pm for 20 minutes for "personnel matters of non-elected personnel, discussion on specific personnel matters, not general personnel policies". Motion carried.

Mayor Fulton declared the executive session out at 7:50 pm. Council president John Ryan stated that they were in executive session for 20 minutes with no decisions made.

● Motion by Sitz to hire Jacob Schuetz as certified police officer, full time employee with full benefits effective 11/3/2020 at \$15.00 per hour. K Seals 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

### **Library**

Traci Smith reported for the Library.

The virtual costume contest was a success.

The placement of shelves and furnishings has been chalked out on the Library floor.

Lonnie Hinck is getting bids from three vendors.

### **Police Dept**

Chief Seals reported for the department.

An estimate from Kage Manufacturing, LLC for installation of 4RE (light/camera system) in three cars was presented. The fee is \$300.00 per vehicle.

● Motion by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sitz to approve the bid for installation of equipment in the three police vehicles for a total of \$900.00, motion carried.

The department had a background for picture taking on Halloween night along with candy for the kids.

Officer Kampsen is fitting in well with the department.

### **Maintenance**

A complaint about the dirt hill at the Traphagen property was discussed, this is in the easement. This hole was dug to get water service to the business across the highway.

A bid to run a water main on the east side of old highway 75 from **RDR Excavating, Inc** was discussed, the total price was \$17,125.63 with the City providing materials and delivery to site. Items not included in the bid are: permit fees, inspection fees, soil testing, watering of seed, rock excavation and rock removal from site.

● Motion by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sitz to approve the bid for installation of a main water line on the east side of old Hwy 75, with funds from the water reserve account, motion carried.

Maintenance having problems with people parking over their water meters for readings or shut-off. Readings can be estimated, but that causes problems also. A letter can be sent to the customer. Water shut-off situations, maintenance has climbed under the vehicle to get water shut-off but they will have to move vehicle to get water turned back on.

### **Alliance Pump estimate**

An estimate was presented for labor and materials to repair Flo-Tech F-15 8" valve for \$1,907.89.

● Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan to approve the bid as presented, to be paid from the water reserve account, motion carried.

Dustin wants to replace a hydrant and valve where the break was earlier in the month. He had an estimate for \$2,455.00 for the hydrant and valve from Olathe Winwater.

He also had an estimate for a new 4" shut-off valve on the main for \$6,100.00.

● Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sitz to approve both bids to be paid out of the water reserve account, motion carried.

Bid was presented from Capital City Flooring to replace the floor in the community room for \$9,365.00 for flooring and labor. He is waiting on more bids for this project.

### **HACH service partnership quote**

● Motion by Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seals to approve the annual contract for \$11,568.00. Motion carried.

Some culverts the city had purchased for a different project was used for the Library project. Mayor Fulton will call Garrett Nordstrom about reimbursement to the City.

Mr Kramer will be contacting city staff by the end of November regarding the **annexation** and present a report to the City in December.

Two **options for Covid-19 funds** were presented to the council. One was a wall mounted desk and laptop for the city office for citizens to come in and pay their water bill online. Cabinet was \$113.99 and laptop suggestions were \$599.99 and \$619.99. Mayor Fulton suggested security cameras for city hall also. Discussion, but no action taken.

An option for iWave air purifiers for the furnaces in city hall was also presented. Installation and purifier charge was \$550.00 each. There are three furnaces in city hall, for a total of \$1,650.00. Council asked that someone from S&S service come to explain the system.

**2021 BCBS premiums.** The premiums went up \$107.96 per month for three employees. Will need premiums for Officer Kampsen.

● Motion by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sitz to approve the new premiums, motion carried.

Os Co General Public Transportation sent a letter requesting possible notice on the website about their services available to the public. Council suggested the services to be added to the City website.

Council person Sitz requested that that Center St between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> be closed on Tuesday, she is having a tree removed from her yard and needs to keep traffic cleared from the area.

● Motion by Lister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan to approve the road closing. Motion carried, Sitz abstained.

Citizen complaint from Timothy Johnston regarding the alley next to the house he lives in. Dustin has already done some work on that location.

A request was made by Granite Cost Savings Program to save on the city's AT&T bill. Council refused the request.

**Other Business**

Request by Clerk Tryon to allow city employees to take off the Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve if personal time is used.

● Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to approve the request, motion carried.

● Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Seals to **pay all approved bills**, motion carried.

● Motion by Sitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lister to **adjourn @ 9:08 pm**, motion carried.