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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY

March 14, 2024

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Debby Werth	X	Judd McCormack	X
Matt Ruhnke	X	Spencer Parsons	X
Jeremy Holliday	A	Tim Pralle	X

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2024, and January 2024 Financial Statement

Tim Pralle made a motion to approve the consenting agenda items.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Mayor Debby Werth asked that an item be added before getting into unfinished/old business. The council agreed.

Debby informed the council that there are two accounts, sub accounts that come out of Parks and Rec. At the end of the year that money goes back to Parks and Rec it doesn't stay in the sub accounts. She asked for a motion to move \$1,573.52 from Parks and Rec back to the KAWnsas Fest, and \$1,000.00 to the Community Enrichment Team.

Judd McCormack made a motion to move \$1,573.52 from Parks and Rec to the KAWnsas Fest account and \$1,000.00 to Community Enrichment.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. City Hall Land

- Update

Judd McCormack gave the update, as he met with BG Consultants along with Jeremy Holliday and Spencer Parson to discuss what er wanted to do with the parcel before platting it out. Water and sewer mains would need to be established. Discussion was also held about doing another RFP. Judd was going to talk with a couple of area developers to see about interest in the project.

b. Second Street–

- Sewer Cleaning Update

Mayor Specialties had come out to do an area of 2nd Street. There was a manhole that was buried and not constructed correctly sometime in the previous years. Brain Foster was estimating around \$3000-\$5000 in order to fix this correctly, it would ultimately depend on the bid that we would receive. The remainder of the sewer in that area looked good and didn't have any issues.

Tim Pralle made a motion to give the Mayer discretionary to spend up to \$10,000 on the manhole, to repair or replace.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

- Water Line Update – No update this project is on hold.

c. Third and Grant Intersection

- Update

Brian Foster will be getting with a contractor next week to get a price to fix this.

d. Daras

- Sewer Update

Mayor Debby Werth spoke with Joe Johns along with Judd McCormack and Brian Foster, he had a lot of questions. There are things that he wants to get with us wanting the right-of way. He said he would get back to us after he spoke with his engineer, and surveyor. He called Debby on Wednesday, and he is willing to give us a right of way, but he is wanting 10-11k an acre for what we are needing. Brian Foster has a few other ideas about this also. Debby thinks we may need to do

some serious negotiations on this. Debby Werth is going to make contact with the other two landowners in that area to see what they would ask for, for the easements on their property also.

e. Dogs – Ordinance 2024-01

- Cruelty/Noise Update

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING THE KEEPING AND CARE OF DOGS AND CATS, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 6-70 REGARDING NOISY DOGS AND ADDING A NEW SECTION ON THE FEEDING OF FERAL CATS IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

a roll call vote was taken

Tim Pralle – Yay Spencer Parsons - Yay

Judd McCormack – Yay Matt Ruhnke - Yay

Jeremy Holliday – Absent

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Before moving on to New Business, mayor Debby Werth asked that we add an item to Unfinished/Old Business.

This is a safe route to school update that Brian Foster will be discussing.

Brian gave a presentation on a few changes that will need to be made in town in order to get the sidewalks in.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Brayden Rudzinski – Ditch project on Countryside

Brayden is planning on working on a ditch project up by the RV Park to help with drainage. Brayden asked the council for city assistance in installing a ditch on country side drive. He has the material to do this, just asking for some help from the city on the ditch.

Tim Pralle made a motion to approve city assistance in installing a ditch on countryside road.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

b. Animal Shelter Agreement

-Discussion

The council felt like these charges were high for the size of our town and the amount of animals that we have at large that would need to be taken. Tim Pralle asked Christine to negotiate with them and bring her findings to the next regular city council meeting.

c. Spring Clean-Up

Code Enforcer Christine Moylan brought some prices and sizes of dumpsters to the council for approval for the City Clean-Up. The council discussed going with Howie's and for the month of April.

Tim Pralle made a motion to do the city-wide cleanup for the month of April with two dumpsters from Howie's.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

d. Computer Back Up

Officer William Feathers addressed the council with computer backup information. It was found when Officer Feathers was setting up the new computers at City Hall that they were not being backed up. A few emails had been sent to NCS to see what the city was paying for with backups and they never could tell us what we were actually being charged for.

The approximant initial set up with synonogy would be \$955.93, and based off his experience would be the best route to go. Two options were given for remote work. The first one was TeamViewer and an approximate total of \$1,354.80 or Splash Top with an approximate total of \$120.00. Team view would have up to 15 users whereas Splash Top would only have one.

Judd McCormack made a motion that we use the local data and system protection with could backup and go with remote team viewer.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

NCS will need to be terminated immediately.

Mayor Debby Werth asked for another agenda item to be added, this would be for Connect Team, as Judd McCormack had asked that remote timesheets be done. Rebel has found two options and went over those with the council. Connect Team is \$936 yearly workforce management is \$979 for the first year and \$780 a year after.

Chief Dale Burton went to a meeting with county and surrounding department heads. A lot of them are going to these cameras that are license plate readers. A presentation was held by flock explain to the council what this product does. The council decided to hold off on these at this time but wait and see and possibly something to investigate in the future.

It was suggested that Rebel bring a few options next to the next regular council meeting for remote timesheets. So, this will be tabled at this time.

e. Comp Time/Leave Time

Matt Ruhnke stated with sick and vacation time there isn't a cap on what you can use and when. He explained the

employees are not getting paid overtime but extra time over 40. Most places are capped at 40, unless you work over that. This will be updated in the employee manual and brought to the council at the next regular meeting for approval. The comp time is we have one salaried employee, and we are spending a lot of time on something that can be worked out with the Mayor on a case-by-case basis. It was also suggested that the talk with comp time stop, we will not be going with that option at this time.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Debby Werth would like a motion to appoint Ben Hawkins to Planning and Zoning for another 3 years.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to accept Debby's appointment.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

b. City Council

Judd McCormack talked with the Ines family at 604 Rockenham Rd. The hillside that we had to cut into to fix 6th street had been cleaned off due to them thinking that they had to maintain it. According to City Ordinance they do, but we were wanting to get stuff growing there to hold the dirt and sand to keep the erosion to a minimum, Judd suggested that we talk to a landscape company to see what we would do that would help with this and be low maintenance to keep the hillside from eroding and maintainable for the homeowner.

Judd also mentioned that he has sent emails to house representative about the intersection of flush and 24.

c. Law Enforcement

d. Code Enforcement

e. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports

f. Treasurers Report

g. Administration Report

h. Water/Sewer Report

i. City Operations Report

j. Saint George Community Enrichment Team

Ashley Cunningham gave information the Easter Egg Hunt for March 23, 2024, from 11am12pm.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Amanda Worden with Rock Creek Rec addressed the council about getting a water meter put in at the lower ball fields. This would be for dust control. The council was hesitant about this as they don't own the ball fields and would like to know what the school has for long term plans with the property. She also updated the council that games will be starting around May 6th and should be finished July 2nd at the latest.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Debby asked for an executive session for attorney client privilege for 10 minutes.

Judd McCormack made a motion for an executive session for the purpose of attorney client privileges for the amount of 10 minutes at 9:48pm with the meeting resuming at 9:58pm at this location, with attorney present and council.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motin carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting resumed at 9:58 pm, no action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays