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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY

May 9, 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
arrived at 8:10pm	X		

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2024, and Special Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2024

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to

Tim Pralle seconded the motion

Motion carried with 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Audit Report – Alex Mitte

Alex from Adams and Brown formally Vonfeldt Baurer and Vonfeldt presented the City Council with the 2023 Audit.

Questions – No questions from council

Tim Pralle motion to approve the 2023 Audit

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 Ayes 0 Nays

Alex also wanted to mention that we would need to start thinking about the 2025 Budget, we will probably start that end of June, beginning of July.

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. City Hall Land – Update

Judd received an updated RFP with minor changes from Brian Foster. This information has been sent to Spencer Parsons and Jeremy Holliday with the building commission, to see if they have any questions or comments on this. Judd would like to talk to locals to gauge interest before sending it out to the public. Late summer we should have an idea where we are with this. We will keep on weed control on Mount Dragon.

b. Water Treatment Plant – Discussion

Brian Foster with BG Consultants updated the council with the fact that the nitrate levels are not going down; we may need to try running them a little more to see if they go down any. They have stabilized in the 20 range. The farther we push this out, we may get options limited. What this means it could be if we can't find a spot for a treatment plant, they may force us to by water. The council agreed that we need to get a plan and not wait until last minute.

Judd asked if we needed a special meeting to go through options. Brian said we could, or BG could go through the engineering and go over options. They could write a report and go over the options, this would be the next step. Brian Foster said the concern is that if we don't move forward, we may be pushed in a corner to have to purchase water. Part of the report would be to also look for a sight. Property negotiation would not be included with an agreement with BG. Brian was going to get a contract together and send to Todd and the council for review.

c. Second Street– Update

Brain Foster said the precast manhole is on order. Projected time it will arrive mid to early June.

d. Third and Grant Intersection – Update

Same status, precast was submitted at the same time as Second Street.

e. Daras – Update

Deb went to see Jo Johns. the Pushies and Flint hills motorsports. Two were ok with these easements and one wasn't.

Brian may have found a way around that. Brian Foster said that they contacted KDOT engineer for the corridor for utility easement. Brian said we may be able to get a right away with KDOT.

Next steps would be negotiating with Joe Johns and making sure we can use KDOT easement, then design, and go out to bid.

f. SRTS – Update

Field check was done this week. Debby Werth said they usually take an hour and ours took 3 ½-4 hours. A lot of notes and we should be getting a report back next week. Kdot looks at things on if they are a participating item or if they are not. Some curbing would protect the sidewalk and he thinks they are on board with those. Brian Foster said property along north Lincoln he is hoping to have legal descriptions here in the next few weeks. Discussion was held with weather Brian would be getting the letters ready for landowners or if Todd would be taking care of this.

Adding Sewer Cleaning update to the agenda. Council was in agreeance to discuss this. Brian Foster stated the sewer system is better than expected. Plan and work on a budget to move forward to do the list of items found from the sewer camera and cleaning throughout the city.

It was also asked to add and discuss drainage on Prairie Meadow and Heather Court area inlets some of the ditch is silted in the top inlet isn't as effective as it could be. Question is what the city's responsibility in this area is or is the homeowners. Discussion with Ben Wheeler and Brian Foster was had, and it was determined to lower the chimney to help it push water quicker.

g. Camping Resolution – Review

Table to next meeting for review

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Jayhawk Court Software – Contract

Judd McCormack made a motion to approve the Jayhawk Court Software.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

b. Mayoral Appointments

Debby Werth would like to make the following appointments for this year:

Todd Luckman – City Attorney

Kirby Hawkins - City Inspector

Dale Burton – Chief of Police

Thomas Addair – City Judge

Elizabeth Wagoner – City Clerk

Audi Westgate – City Treasurer

Tim Pralle made a motion to approve the appointments.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

c. Pool Ordinance – Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement, Christine talked with the council on her thoughts with pools in the City Limits pertaining to our City Codes. For safety reasons people need to have a fence around them for safety. The council agreed to the safety concern but didn't think that we need to have a permit process for it.

Review at the next meeting with changes.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a. Mayoral Report NA

b. City Council

Judd McCormack had two quick questions. The first one was when we would be getting grass on the hill on sixth street. Ben Wheeler said it was on the agenda for tomorrow to get the supplies and start working on it. The second question was about the road repair at sixth and Rockenham where NPL had done work, wondering why they are doing concrete. Ben thought they were doing the concrete as just the base because of the sandy soil.

c. Attorney update

d. Law Enforcement -NA

e. Code Enforcement -NA

f. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports

Ben Hawkins, chair of planning and zoning thanked Debby and Liz for setting up him and Cody Liming up to attend an online training course with the Kansas League of Municipalities for Planning and Zoning.

g. Treasurers Report -NA

h. Administration Report -NA

i. Water/Sewer Report -NA

j. City Operations Report -NA

k. Saint George Community Enrichment Team

Judd McCormack updated the council, that Cody Liming would be meeting with someone tomorrow to go over ideas for a stage at the City Park. If we have a special meeting this month we will have an update there, otherwise we will have one at the next regular city council meeting.

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

No open comments were made.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Debby Werth asked for a motion for a twenty-minute executive session for non-elected personal.

Judd McComack made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personal matters for a period of twenty minutes, starting at 8:59pm with the meeting to rejoin at 9:19pm at this location with the Cities Legal Counsel, Mayor, and sitting Council members to be a part of the executive session.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Meeting resumed at 9:19pm

Tim Pralle made a motion to increase Officer Feathers pay to \$20.00 per hour.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Pralle made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays