

Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 2015

Mayor Scott Schultz called the special meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were council members Bruce Swihart, Dale Weeks, Paula Keller and Carla Lampe. Also present were JR Landenberger, Mike Day, Lila Whitmore and Glorianne Milne.

Kevin Cowan from Gilmore & Bell PC was present to explain funding options for a new swimming pool to the council and members of the Citizens for a New Pool committee, Recreation Commission and Community Foundation. Several options were discussed.

Mayor Schultz called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Shane Guggenmos arrived for the regular meeting. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Paula to approve the **Minutes** from the February 23 meeting.

It was moved by Paula and seconded by Bruce to approve the following items from the Consent Agenda: permission for clerk to pay insurance and utilities at time of billing; permission for clerk to pay utility incentives before the 25th of the month and permission for clerk to pay theater bills when due

New Business:

Horseshoe Pit: Penny Gienger and Kirby Elliott from the Recreation Commission asked about putting in horseshoe pits. They would like to put two in east of the Sand Volleyball courts and two at the Roadside Park. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to approve a horseshoe pit at the volleyball court. The Recreation Commission will come back with a possible location at the Roadside Park.

Police Report: Shane read the incident report from February. Shane reported on several animal complaints. The redacted logs are available for the council to view at the police office. Sheriff Beeson may want to change the hours that the sherriff's office provides coverage. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Paula to accept and file the police report.

Old Business:

Old Chamber Sign: Sam Miller has replaced the light bulbs in the old chamber sign. The City does not own the sign but oversaw the project as a service for the community.

Wages: JR presented wage projections. A 2.5% increase over last year's actual cost would increase expenses \$15,791. A 3.5% increase would raise expenses \$22,108. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to raise wages 3%. The department heads will bring individual raises to the next meeting.

EMS Building Contract: Mike will contact County Attorney Karan Thadani regarding the contract for the transfer of ownership for the EMS building.

Keller Pond: Trees need to be ordered for Keller's Pond. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Carla to allow the purchase of trees for less than \$3,200. Motion carried with Paula abstaining.

Grants: Corina Cox from Northwest Kansas Planning and Development will be attending a meeting in Topeka March 10. She will check on the eligibility of a new shower house at the roadside park and water valves for grant projects for the city. A Low to Medium Income survey will have to be done for either of those. The office will be sending out the survey and possibly a Housing Assessment Survey. The surveys will be good for seven years and could be used on future grants.

Bird City Recycling: The Bird City City Council will provide the city with a contract for recycling without the second paragraph. They agreed to the financial terms but not the request for better sorting.

Band Shell: Scott reported that he had talked to Greg Kite about the Band Shell. Lin Schamber of Schamber Historical Preservation has talked to Katrina Ringler of the Historical Society and Greg will ask him to get an update on the project within 30 days.

Building Permits: It was moved by Paula and seconded by Carla to approve the following building permits: Eric Hook 221 W Jackson, concrete approach; Eric Hook 510 E Third, cement slab; Gene Voeller, garage storage; and Tim Burr, pergola. A building permit for Greg Potter, carport was approved upon JR's review.

Superintendent's Report: Washington Street will be swept on Thursday night. A written proposal from Prairie Land was received for the electrical line to the water wells. The city will provide the materials and Prairie Land will provide the labor at cost plus ten percent with the cost not to exceed \$70,000. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Carla to allow the mayor to sign this contract.

Clerk's Report: Glori reported that a check was received from the Greater Kansas City Foundation for the Motorcycle Museum. Scott added that the building has been ordered and a seven member board has been formed.

Council Comments: Bruce reported that they had a pool meeting. They will be interviewing lifeguard candidates and will try to find a person to teach lessons.

All bills on **Ordinance #976** were read. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Paula to approve the bills and adjourn the meeting.

City Clerk