

# **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

## **SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

Rock Anderson, Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. The roll call was taken, and Ray Vail was unable to attend otherwise all members were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented to the City Council. Scott Popejoy made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Travis Wood seconds the motion the motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Item E) 202 E. Hector. And under NEW BUSINESS, Item F) Concrete Plant and Item G) Westland Acres were added. Scott Popejoy made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **SUBSTATION PROPOSAL**

Mike Schmaderer with Mid-States Energy Works, Inc. sent a proposal for the City Council on purchasing 3 transformers. The proposal had either a 3 Phase unit or 3 Transformers, Mike stated that he felt for Arma the 3 transformers would be better. Council discussed keeping the 3 old transformers as well. Dick Cleland made the motion to purchase the 3 new transformers and to pay ½ this year's budget and the second ½ in next years budget. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Nothing was brought forward by the City Council.

#### **MUNICIPAL JUDGE POSITION**

The City had received three applications for the open position of Municipal Judge. Rock Anderson stated that reviewing the three resume's and letters of interest from the three applicants the Mayor felt that the best suited candidate is Tim Fielder. Dick Cleland made the motion to accept the Mayor recommendation and hire Tim Fielder. Scott Popejoy seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Dick Cleland then made the motion to pay Mr. Fielder \$500.00 a month for the position. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

Mary Lou Peace brought up that the nuisance letters should go back through the City Clerk's office instead of through the Police Dept. The letter's use to come from the Clerk's office and Mary Lou felt that the City Council should put this responsibility back to the Clerk. Dick Cleland made the motion to have the nuisance letters come from the City Clerk's office. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

## **202 E. HECTOR**

Dick Cleland brought up the bill that the City sent out to Roger Doue for the electric pole and underground line that was installed due to a weather issue and a downed tree. The total for the underground electric line with conduit and additional electric material items was \$670.71. Dick Cleland made the motion to not bill Roger Doue the \$670.71. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EASEMENT REQUEST: JIM ZIBERT**

Bette Lessen reported on Jim's behalf that the Crawford County is needing the City of Arma to formally approve a Permanent Right of Easement on the property where the Franklin sewer line crosses to the City's lagoons. Scott Popejoy made the motion to accept and approve the Permanent Right of Easement requested by the County. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **SUSAN COLE; TRUCK OR TREAT**

Susan Cole was present to report that this year's Trunk or Treat will be sponsored by the Phi Tau Omega sorority. Also, the event will be held at the High School parking lot on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Art Club will also be involved. The event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. and then the Spook House will run from 7 to 9 p.m. Susan stated that they will be asking the Police Dept to assist that evening.

### **STREET LIGHT REQUEST**

Bette Lessen reported that Shirley Landon and her neighbors are requesting a street light in the alleyway. Dick Cleland made the motion to have a street light installed in this alleyway (between E. South and E. Melvin St) Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **LEAGUE OF KS. MUNICIPALITIES ANNUAL MEETING**

Bette Lessen reported that this year's meeting will be held on October 12-14 in Overland Park the City of Arma needs to fill paperwork on a delegate attending if one of your Council members will be attending. Council discussed and decided to speak to Ray Vail.

### **EMPLOYEE PAID HOLIDAY; MARY LOU PEACE**

Mary Lou Peace brought up the matter of the City Council approving an extra Holiday day this past 4<sup>th</sup> of July...which was Council approved. Mary Lou felt that since Christmas is on a Wednesday this year and the employees will want the 24<sup>th</sup> off. Mary Lou state that the City Council should remove a holiday such as Veteran's Day for Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Dick Cleland made the motion to remove Veteran's Day Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> this year for December 24<sup>th</sup>. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **CONCRETE PLANT**

Bette Lessen and John Gorentz explained the issue of 2 companies who are bidding on the 4-lane hwy. expansion to have a concrete plant erected on the Westland Acres property. John Gorentz explained that some years back O'Brien's Ready Mix had a concrete plant on the south end of the industrial park and a concrete plant could go back in this same area. Dick Cleland made the motion to inform these companies that there has been a concrete plant in the Industrial Park and that maybe an option to look at. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **WESTLAND ACRES**

Dick Cleland brought up a conversation he had with a contractor about Westland Acres and using dirt from the property which they would build a lake on 10 acres when the project is completed. Dick Cleland made the motion on a tentative agreement on selling dirt to this company (unnamed) and to meet with them to get specific details. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

Not present

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Travis Wood reported on the dead fish at Hookie pond. The State Wildlife Dept. is looking into the matter.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Scott Popejoy made the motion to accept communications and to place them in file. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **PURCHASE REQUEST**

Rock Anderson reported on the garage door problem and the need to repair two of them. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow the repairs. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Dick Cleland made the motion to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes with City Council only on non-elected personnel matters. Scott Popejoy seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 7:35 p.m.

Travis Wood made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:55 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. No action was taken by the City Council.

Scott Popejoy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

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*Bette Lessen, City Clerk*