

# **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

## **DECEMBER 7, 2020**

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and all members of the City Council were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the minutes. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under New Business two items were added: Item D Beer License's and Item E Brenda Banks. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented Appropriation Ordinance #11. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #11. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **CITY HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS**

Rob Lessen reported that the Elliott Group with KS. Rural Water Association was unable to get any bids for the City due to the City's history, so the only company bidding is Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Mary Lou Peace handed out statistics that she had gathered on the City Employees and their current policies for the City Council to review dealing with the matter of expense for the City. Travis Wood made the motion to approve Option B. The motion died due to the lack of a second. Council then continued discussion on this matter. Travis Wood then made the motion to choose Option B for the Employees coverage. Again, the motion died due to the lack of a second. Following more discussion Mary Lou Peace made the motion to approve Option B for the employee health insurance and in February have the City Council investigate the 4 other options. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. Dick Cleland, Travis Wood and Ken Harryman voted no, so the motion did not pass. Following the fourth attempt after some further discussion Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go with Option B subject to revision in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. Dick Cleland, Travis Wood and Mary Lou Peace voted yes. Ken Harryman voted no and Rob Lessen abstained from voting. The motion passed.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Leesa Rhodes was present to primarily address the COVID changes as well as wellness of our community. Leesa also reported that Cory Davis with KDOT would like to hold a meeting with folks that use motorized chairs/carts to get around town about a shuttle service.

#### **CDL; MARY LOU PEACE**

Mary Lou Peace questioned Howard Camp on whether he had made contact with CDL about training the officers on the camera system and making sure that the City Clerk's office had no ability to operate it from this office. Mary Lou asked Howard if he wanted her to make arrangements with CDL? Howard Camp stated that he and his officers have

been busy, with department issues. Howard also stated that he had spoke with Mike McLeod and Mike told Howard his problem with the system maybe with the internet since Craw-Kan had done some work on the system recently.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2021 EMPLOYEE SALARY INCREASES**

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS DONATION**

Rock Anderson stated that the City Council has given the employees in the past a day or half a day off with pay. Dick Cleland made the motion to give the employees a half a day off on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **2021 WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Rob Lessen reported that K.M.I.T. had submitted their proposal for 2021 with an additional 216.00 more than last years policy. Dick Cleland made the motion to accept K.M.I.T.'s proposal for 2021. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **2021 BEER LICENSES**

Bette Lessen reported that 2 out of 3 applications have been received and have been approved to receive their renewal. Dick Cleland made the motion to approve both licenses for Horton's and Dollar General. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **BRENDA BANKS**

Brenda addressed several issues with the City Council.

1. The Library security system has been faulty and CDL has replaced the first system they installed for a price of 2,500.00 but this did not correct the problem. Brenda has since spoke to Craw-Kan about their system and for 3,400.00 a new system can be installed. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow Brenda Banks the discretion to go with Craw-Kan if she so decides. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.
2. The back door that has a handicap operator is broken and needs to be repaired.
3. Brenda asked the City Council to install a dog park directly south of the Wi-Fi Park with a fenced area of 41' x 52' which would cost the City \$1,600.00. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow Brenda to have a dog park installed. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Howard Camp read through all the activities that he and his officers have been involved in the past 30 days.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Travis Wood brought up the matter of leaves in the ditches which in turn cause culverts to pug up. The City needs to consider a means of handling this problem.

Mary Lou Peace stated that a resident would like to have each Council members email address placed on the City's Face Book page so that residents can contact the elected official. Majority of the members disagreed with Mary Lou.

Dick Cleland addressed the matter of so many people at this meeting and that they need to heed to COVID regulations. Brenda Banks offered the City Library for the next meeting so a Zoom meeting could be held. Council agreed to hold the next meeting via Zoom.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications

### **PURCHASE REQUEST**

Dick Cleland made the motion to pay half of the \$2,950.28 in December for electric parts and supplies then pay the other half in January.....unless there will be a penalty applied to that amount then the entire amount should be paid in December. Rob Lessen seconds the motion.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

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*Bette Lessen, City Clerk*