

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2021

Rock Anderson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken and all members of the City Council were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve and Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor addressed the agenda. Under Unfinished Business Item F) CDL Training was added. Under New Business Item D) Time Clock and Item E) Department Heads were added. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOUG JAMESON PROPERTY

Doug Jameson was present to inform the City Council that he has a perspective buyer for his house if the City Council will allow the sale and time for the new owner to make the structural improvements needed. Rob Lessen made the motion to allow the closing of the property within 30-days and then allow 90 days for improvements or have written plan on making the house habitable. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

PART-TIME CITY MANAGER

Council discussed this topic. Dick Cleland made the first motion to hire a part-time City Manager for the City. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Dick Cleland then made the motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday January 25th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this position. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE

Bette Lessen stated that each member of the Council had received in their packet's information on different options from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Mary Lou Peace in turn handed out copies to all members of the Council text messages between herself, the Mayor, and the City Clerk that Mary Lou felt was pertinent to this discussion. Dick Cleland made the motion to have Mary Lou Peace placed in charge of finding 2 Insurance companies. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Tom Hayes reported that he had reviewed the employee manual on the matter of an employee clocking in and out at lunch time, but Tom stated that if the City Council wanted the manual updated that there are many other items inside the manual that should be considered. Council proceeded to have a heated discussion where at one point Council member Dick Cleland called Mayor Rock Anderson a liar and said that he was crazy due

to the Mayor's prerogative to veto the City Council's action on requiring the employees to punch in and out at lunchtime. Dick Cleland then made the motion to follow the outline in the employee manual. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved by all members of the City Council except Mary Lou Peace who voted no.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes gave a report to the City Council on the current COVID vaccine and how the virus is slowing down. Leesa also handed out paperwork of different Grants that are available.

CDL TRAINING

Mike McLeod was present and stated that he is setting up an appointment with Police Chief Camp for this training. Mike also reported that the internet service is being worked on at the City Park.

NEW BUSINESS

LIABILITY INSURANCE 2021

City Clerk Bette Lessen stated that it is time to open up bids for the 2021 Liability Insurance. Mary Lou Peace stated, "Ok there again we need more than one bid". Bette informed Council Member Peace that the City Council needs to take action on publishing for bids as they have done the past years. Travis Wood made the motion to publish for bids. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

KMEA APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Bette Lessen reported that the City Council would need to nominate a Director 1 that is currently filed by Rob Lessen and the Alternate that is held by Dick Cleland. Dick Cleland stated that he did not want to fill the Alternate's position. Rob Lessen made the motion to reappoint himself as Director 1 and Travis Wood as the Alternate. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

2021 AUDIT CONTRACT

City Clerk Bette Lessen reported that Diehl, Banwart, and Bolton CPA firm submitted the 2021 contact which would increase an additional 130.00 from last year's cost of 6,325.00. Dick Cleland made the motion to accept the 2021 contact from Diehl, Banwart and Bolton. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

TIME CLOCK

Dick Cleland removed this topic from the agenda.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mary Lou Peace stated that she wants the City Council members reestablished over the different departments. Mary Lou Peace then made the motion to give the Mayor the authority to appoint Kevin Goodwin as the interim City Supervisor with a \$1.00 bump in salary until a full time Supervisor is hired. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Mike Mcleod was present to report on the Target Solution education program which Mike feels would be a bid benefit to the fireman. The City's expense would be, \$1,300.00. Dick Cleland made the motion to allow the purchase of the Target Solution. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Mike McLeod also reported on the City Fire Truck and that they have should have another 10 years before it needs to be replaced.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dick Cleland requested to be allowed to research pricing for electric equipment. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to allow Dick Cleland to research. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Dick Cleland also questioned the Requisition Form on purchasing electric poles. Dick made the motion to table this request until the next meeting. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mary Lou Peace questioned why "Indeed" was not being used to find a new City Superintendent? Bette Lessen stated that the cost for 1 month was \$500.00 and if the City Council would like to spend \$500.00 with this company, she will submit the application. However, the City currently has the add running with the KS League of Municipalities, Ks Rural Water District and KS Works.

Dick Cleland made the motion to purchase the transformers. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Travis Wood made the motion to revise the Special Meeting topic to add the Director of Public Works along with the City Administrator's position. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk