

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 7, 2021

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order 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 except Rob Lessen were present. Also, the City Attorney Tom Hayes was absent. Minutes from the previous meeting were presented to the City Council. Ken Harryman made the motion to accept the minutes. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The mayor presented the evenings agenda. Two additions were made under New Business. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Appropriation Ordinance #5 was presented to the City Council. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance #5 for payment. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOM GORMAN, CITY MOWING BIDS

Tom stated that he had received one bid for the contract mowing from Dickie Cleland's company. Mr. Cleland bid \$750.00 a week with his equipment and \$500.00 a week to mow with the City's equipment. Tom also stated that they Council had one application for a part-time mower at 13.00 an hour for a 30-hour week. Travis Wood made the motion to hire Justin Warford as the part-time mower for \$13.00 an hour for a 30-hour week and if Justin does not accept the position, then to hire Dickie Cleland's company. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

TAX ABATEMENT

Ken Harryman made the motion to table this topic until the next meeting. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

DEPARTMENT HEADS BUDGET REQUEST

Tom Gorman handed out paperwork on his projected 2022 budget request as well as a 5-year request. Tom also discussed the current condition of the playground equipment. Mary Lou Peace felt that this should be discussed this year. The play-ground equipment will be on the next agenda.

Craig Farnsworth stated that he would like to trade out his truck for a second SUV. Also, City Council needs to consider more part-time help if the City Council wants the Police Dept. to work 69 Hwy as well as patrol the city. If so, they Craig recommended that the part-time salary be increase from \$13.50 and, hour to \$15.00. Rock Anderson asked Craig to setup an outline per item on dollar amounts for the 2022 Budget.

Brenda Banks handed out paperwork on 3 items. New carpet for the library, a sidewalk to the new dog park and a new shed for storage. Brenda stated that the new flooring would run around \$6,000.00 and the shed would be \$1,500.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Leesa Rhodes was present to give an update on the following topics.

American Recovery Act and how Arma will benefit.

Kansas Road Trip meeting on Tuesday at the Frisco building in Pittsburg.

Strong Towns meeting that Leesa is a member of which will be a webinar.

Discussed non-smoking regulations at City ball parks. (This topic will be on the next agenda.)

Little River Kansas grocery store.

Department of Commerce getting Westland acres as a certified site which will benefit Arma in future developments.

69 HWY STOP LIGHT

Dickie Cleland brought back up for discussion the topic of getting a stop light in the intersection on South St and 69 highway. Council members told Dickie that KDOT has stated verbally and well as on paper that there will not be a stop light put in. Craig Farnsworth stated that his department is working 69 highway and writing speeding tickets for 61 and up which should sooner or later keep the traffic at 55 or below. This will be noted in future studies that KDOT does and then maybe Arma will be able to get this stretch of road designated at 55 or possibly lower.

201 W. SOUTH ST; SHELDON PROPERTY

Bette Lessen reported to the City Council on the current standing on this property and the 2 gentlemen involved. Travis Wood made the motion to begin condemnation proceeding per the City Ordinance. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. Motion passed 3 to 1, Mary Lou Peace voted no. Following the ordinance, the City Council will hold their Public Hearing on August 2nd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

BRYAN HOFFMAN WATER LEAK

Bryan was not present, but Travis Wood represented Mr. Hoffman's case. Vanessa Kent was present and reported to the City Council on his bill for 1,044.58 due to this leak and how the City's policy with splitting the expense would work. Dick Cleland made the motion to follow the City policy. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. Travis felt that when the meter is shut off it should be locked so that no one can turn it on.

ZACH SACHS CROSSPOINT CHURCH

Bette Lessen reported that Zach Sachs with Crosspoint Church located on N. 3rd and E. Perry has been abandoned and Zach asked if the city would be interested in taking the building. Mary Lou Peace was a member of this church and Bette felt that she maybe the person to investigate this matter. Mary Lou accepts and will do some research then report back to the City Council.

SET SPECIAL MEETING; 2022 BUDGET

Travis Wood made the motion to hold a Special Meeting on preparing the 2022 Budget on Tuesday June 15th at 6:30 p.m. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT BID

Rock Anderson stated that 2 bids had been received.

First was from Girard National Bank for 0.30 % and

Second was Community National Bank for 0.30%. City Council determined that the bank to accept was through a coin toss. Dickie Cleland called heads for GNB. The coin was flipped. The mayor stated that it was heads, so Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept GNB's bid. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Bette Lessen requested the City Council to allow her to change out the Postal machine that the city has with Pitney Bowes. According to the company Arma's machine is out of date and will not be functional come January 1. Also, Xerox Corporation contacted the city on our copier that the office has been using the past 10 years and is out of service with the company. The extra expense for the update would be \$25.00 a month more and the city would have a service plan for 63 months. Dickie Cleland made the motion to allow the update on both pieces of office equipment. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

BRENDA BANKS REPORT

Brenda Banks was present to update the City Council on the activities at the City Library. The summer reading program is going on and Brenda asked the City Council if they would give them 50 pool passes for the program. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to give the requested pool passes. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was passed. Brenda stated that she would be attending the KS Road Trip meeting on Tuesday and asked if Council would allow her to speak on behalf of the city, Council agreed. Also, on June 25th there will be a night of music at the Wi-Fi Park from 7 to 9. Dickie Cleland made the motion to have E Washington Street closed off so folks and use it for the event. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

AC UNIT

Mary Lou Peace brought up the AC unit in the City Council meeting room and that as she understood from the most recent bill this unit needs to be replaced. Tom Gorman stated that the condenser needs to be replaced on the unit. Dickie Cleland made the motion to advertise to replace the condenser. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REORT

Craig Farnsworth handed out his month report on the department. Craig reviewed the topics with the Council. Training the officer's, removing 10 year and older records, and the need for a 6th taser of the department. The cost would be \$3,365.00 and could be setup on a payment plan or could be paid off when purchased through the departments

Capital Outlay. The body camera's work well but Craig is working on a department policy. Dickie Cleland made the motion to purchase the taser and to pay in full. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UTILITY DIRECTOR

Tom Gorman handed out paperwork from his departments to the Council. Tom reported on the following. The new scoreboard is up. A new utility pole was set, and the pool is up and running well but the baby pool does have a pump problem that the guys are working on. Also, the city has past inspection with the KDHE at our lagoons. The city does need to remove the trees that are to the west of the lagoons but that is a large project and will take some time. Tom also said that he has been working on the salt shed and has spoken to Tommy Scotten about replacing the faded stop signs. The last item is at the City Park where the playground equipment, tubes need to be replaced plus there is a 15-year warranty. Travis Wood made the motion to replace the tubes for \$1,751.00. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Dickie Cleland questioned why there was a RV on a residential lot, which the Council was told that this had become a court case. Dickie also requested to have a tree limb cut down that is growing over the street on E. Main St. Dickie Cleland made the motion to have the limb removed and Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Dickie also asked when the work would start up with the new substation. Bette Lessen said that the workers should be her on the 21st.

Mary Lou Peace discussed the allege problem at the city pond. Travis Wood said he would speak with Tom KS. Parks and Wildlife about this problem.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

PURCHASE REQUEST

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to allow the requested materials to be purchased. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk