

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 20, 2015

Mayor Buddy Bualle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken and all City Council members were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. John Logiudici made motion to accept minutes, Scott Popejoy seconded the motion, motion carried. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. There were no changes to the agenda. Scott Popejoy made the motion to accept, with Richard Kerley seconding, motion carried.

Mayor Buddy Bualle opened the floor for public comments. Greg Gorman, USD246 Superintendent, addressed council in hopes of strengthening community relations. He presented handouts showing information regarding legislative tax policy changes, general fund receipts and expenditures. Superintendent Gorman explained the huge and steadily increasing deficit in the education system of Kansas. He stated that he and others are working to keep the Mill Tax Rate down.

There will be free meals again this year for the children in the district. They will be held at the City Library during the month of June and July.

Viking Clean-Up Day, in which students help with community service, will be this week. Students will help city employees with painting, litter clean-up, and other assorted duties.

The school has purchased new lights for the HS parking lot, and football field. The City will help with the installation. Also scheduled are new sirens, and putting lights up at Hookie Park.

Mayor Bualle made the council members aware of City Superintendent, John Gorentz's injury while performing maintenance on the City Pool. Workman's Comp would be in effect.

Other items the Mayor brought to council's attention:

- a. There had been a blockage in the sewer system over the weekend. It had backed up into a residence. The city employees helped with cleaning. Our insurance will cover damage for the resident.
- b. New tires and lights were needed, and replaced, on one of the City trucks.
- c. John Gorentz's computer had stopped working, and since the approval of a new computer wouldn't be until the next meeting, the purchase was authorized by Mayor Bualle.
- d. Wednesday, April 22, the City employees would supervise the students for clean-up, odd jobs, and prep work on the street.
- e. The old fire hydrant at the high school had broken. Determination would have to be done as to repair, or replace the hydrant. Richard Kerley would talk to John Gorentz regarding the subject.
- f. Mayor Bualle will talk to the Nursing Home about possibly adding an enzyme to the sewer to help with the prevention of future backups.

g. The mayor addressed Council member Scott Popejoy, and asked him to share information regarding the dedication for Habitat for Humanity. The site chosen for the home would be at Hoisington and Melvin Streets. Volunteers are welcomed for the project.

h. May 19th, City/County Official Luncheon will be hosted at the Golden Era at noon.

i. The mayor said when he spoke to Steve Kuplan regarding the Westland Acres, he knew of a contractor that may be interested in the project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dangerous Structures:

1) 220 W. Washington

Sarah Spears, property owner, told Council that she would need more time, and/or any assistance/help to take care of the property in question. Council gave options to Sarah: tear the structure down, herself; get bids on demolition and have it done; the City takes bids, and has the demolition done.

Sarah elected to demolish the structure. Council gave her 60 days, reviewing the property for adequate progress by the June 15th meeting, and to have total completion by the July 6th meeting. John Logiudici made the motion to accept the terms, Dick Cleland seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

2.) 221 W. Washington

Dixie Collins, owner, sent a letter to Council, stating that the “porch” of concern had been removed. Council Approved, and no action will be taken.

3.) 314 S. Pine

Tommy Wilson – was not present, and did not represent himself in any form. Scott Popejoy made the motion to deem the property to be condemned, John Logiudici seconded, motion carried. Attorney Smith said there should be a letter to Wilson stating the decision of council. The letter would give him a chance to respond or appear at the next meeting, May 4th, and bids to be in by May 18th. Richard Kerley made an amendment to send the letter, Richard Cleland, seconded, motion carried.

4.) 414 E. South

Garage, Laura Warford – Laura called and is waiting on demolition estimates. She will take care of the problem. Someone will call her to let her know. R Cleland made the motion to table to May 4ths meeting, and John Logiudici seconded, motion carried.

Property Clean-ups:

1) 412 E. Perry

Richard Vinze property- Vinze no showed. Richard Cleland made motion to condemn property, Scott Popejoy seconded, motion carried.

2) 302 E. Washington-

Webb/Sherman property- Council agreed there were signs of improvement to the property. They would continue to monitor it.

3) **517 S. Long-**

Delta Seal property- The police chief said the vehicle on the property was tarped. There had been progress made to clean up the property. Council determined the property acceptable, with continued monitoring.

In addition to "old" property clean-ups, 215 W. Washington, Michael Everly property: It was reported there is a huge brush pile. Rodents and other various animals, along with car parts, are in the pile. Chief Allen said he will cite the owners with a NTA.

Also, the Wes Warlop property, 102 W. View, is an eyesore. Mayor Bualle asked the Chief to take pictures of the address, and it will be discussed at the May 4th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tommy and Keanna Scotten were present at the meeting. Scott Popejoy made the motion to approve Scottens' request to operate a printing business from their home at 400 N. 1st St. This includes making signs, t-shirts, etc. Richard Cleland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A \$2500 donation for the Arma Recreation was agreed upon. Scott Popejoy made the motion to make the donation, with Richard Cleland seconding, motion carried. John Logiudici, made the motion to hire J.P. Cleland at his pay rate plus the additional pay raise for summer help, Richard Kerley seconded, motion carried. John, also made motion to hire Piper Richardson, pool manager, at her pay rate plus raise, Richard Cleland seconded, motion carried.

The KLINK application was put on hold.

Mayor Bualle discussed the Hwy 69 Association meeting he attended on April 8. He asked that council consider giving a \$250 yearly donation. Richard Cleland made the motion for a 3 year period of \$250.00 donation. Ray Vail seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

E) APPOINTMENT OF THE KMU DELEGATES

Mayor Buddy Bualle addressed to the City Council that a delegate and alternate need to be elected. Richard Kerley made the motion to elect Buddy Bualle as delegate and Johnnie Logiudici as alternate for the City. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Jeremy Allen reported that the KS Chief of Police conference will be May 11 through 14 and Jeremy and Howard Camp will be attending. This will give them 12 hours of education. The fee is \$125.00 a person with motel cost of \$102.00 per person, a total of \$862.00. Ray Vail made the motion and Dick Cleland seconds to allow the conference. The motion was approved.

Discussed the body cam and the practice that the officers go recently. Also discussed the school purchasing a camera for the SRO Officer.

Tim Kuhl is working on the pickup.

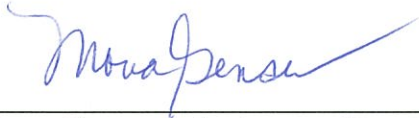
COUNCIL COMMENTS

PURCHASE REQUEST None

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications

Ray Vail made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Johnnie Logiudici seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned.



Mona Genser, Assistant City Clerk