

Regular Council Meeting  
February 26, 2024

1. **Council President Larry Finley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.** Present were Council members Kale Dankenbring, Dara Carmichael, Larry Finley, and Justin Lohr. Also present were City Superintendent Dan Blair and City Treasurer Jennifer Blair. Mayor Amanda Milne, City Clerk Leann Lee, Councilman Robert Erskin, Sheriff Cody Beeson, and City Attorney Lauren Reyelts were absent.
2. **Visitors/Audience:** Bill Dungan, Sean and Lucinda Straub.
3. **Minutes** from the February 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were distributed and read. Superintendent Blair noted that Enrique Lopez would be moving the building from St. Francis Redi Mix. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Kale to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.
4. **Sheriff Report** – none.
5. **New Business:**
  - a. Bill Dungan was present to discuss putting up a reserved parking sign on the northwest corner of his building at 122 W. Washington. He has trouble with other individuals taking up that parking spot. Mr. Dungan also discussed the blind corner at Quincy and Jackson. Larry will find out if it's possible to put up the sign.
    - ❖ Mr. Dungan left the meeting.
  - b. Sean and Lucinda Straub were present to discuss the continued noise problem behind their house. The owner of the store hasn't put anything on the fans to dampen the noise. Their concern was the promise he made to the council to work on a solution. The Council will have Attorney Reyelts write a letter addressing the situation.
    - ❖ Sean and Lucinda left the meeting.
  - c. A motion was made by Dara and seconded by Kale to approve renewing the chicken permit for Erin Guthmiller at 420 E. Whitter. Motion passed.
  - d. A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Dara to approve the following trash waiver renewals: 522 E. First; 709 S. Denison; 1470 Road O; 216 ½ W. Webster; 122 N. Quincy; 109 W. Jackson; 405 S. Lorraine. Motion passed.
  - e. A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Justin to approve the building permit from Dhy Anderson for a pergola at 429 E. Jackson. Motion passed.
6. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Property Cleanup** – nothing new to report.
  - b. **Projects Pending** –
    - Semi Parking – will be tabled until the next meeting.
    - Dirt Stabilizer – will be tabled until the next meeting.
  - c. **Streets Project** –
    - Chip Sealing was discussed. Unless there are cracks in the street, new construction can be chip sealed within 5 years. There is a crack on College Street.
    - The Council discussed intersections.
    - Dan will reach out to Casey with Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc. to come and look at streets and give some suggestions.
7. **Pool Report** –
  - The Pool Board has hired Kelley Milliken as Manager and Margaret Poling for Aquasize. Morgan Sherlock will be teaching swimming lessons. As of today, there has been 1 lifeguard application received.
  - A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Justin to approve a free swim day on June 15<sup>th</sup> for Alumni. Motion passed.  
A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Dara to approve the Pool Report.
8. **Superintendent Report** –
  - A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Dara to approve the carry-over of 16 hours of vacation for Paul Larson. Motion passed.

- Johnson Services is working on removing the concrete from the sewer. They've found approximately 300 feet of concrete. McCormick Paving will be paying the bill.
- There is gravel in the sewer on Washington Street due to the sewer line break at the High School. Dan will find out the cost from Johnson Services to remove it and see if they can do it while they are in town. The Council agreed it needed to be done.
- On October 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Sunflower will be repairing a switch which will result in the City needing to generate power.
- Dan has had to have a tire repaired on the Dump Truck and is also looking into replacing tires on one of the pickups.
- Dan will be meeting with a representative from Cintas regarding their AED lease program.
- Atlas Automation will be installing the VFD at the end of April.
- The new trash truck employee did a ride along last week to learn the routes.
- Dan ordered a camera system for the small trash truck.
- Dan is still working with Frewen Insurance on all the necessary information for the City's insurance renewal on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dan has requested a quote from INA Alert for a camera system at the Roadside Park campground as there have been issues with petty vandalism.
- Dan let the Council know he has 185 hours of vacation time to use by July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Dan requested a 3 minute executive session for non-elected personnel for employee status. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Kale to accept and file the Superintendent report. Motion passed.

**9. Attorney Report – none**

**10. Clerk Report –**

- There is a letter from Commercial Sign on the share drive regarding our digital sign and the status of parts to repair it.
- Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center sent a thank you for the City's allocation.
- A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Dara to approve the new Contract with Fire Alarm Specialist, Inc. Motion passed.  
A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Justin to accept and file the Clerk's report. Motion passed.

**11. Council Comments:** Kale – None; Justin – none; Dara – none; Larry – none.

**12. Mayor Comments – none**

**13.** A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Kale to recess into executive session for 3 minutes at 7:57 pm for non-elected personnel for employee status with the Council President, Council, Superintendent Dan, and City Treasurer Jennifer Blair to resume at 8:00 pm. Motion passed. The open meeting resumed at 8:00 pm and no decisions were made.

**14. Adjournment:** It was moved by Kale and seconded by Justin to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

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City Treasurer