

Council Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2017

Call to Order-Mayor

Roll Call Present Mayor-Linda McCowan, Council Persons-Chris Mead, Vickie Alsup, Phyllis Agee and City Clerk-Cathy Grover. **Absent** President of Council-Deb Bader and Council Person-Paul Umble.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor

Agenda Changes-None

Approval of 2-6-2017 meeting minutes. Tabled till next meeting for approval.

Unfinished Business

1. Portable Buildings and Intermodal Containers Ordinances-Cathy&Shane

Some discussion. It is Council consensus to go with the combined Ordinance of Portable Buildings and Intermodal Containers. City clerk will contact Ron Smith to review and put it into the correct format to match our Code book chapter/articles and make any necessary corrections or additions that he sees as needed. Will bring back to next meeting under Old Business.

New Business

1. Grant Writing Workshop 3-22-2017 in Great Bend and Park Proposal update-Linda

Some discussion to see if others are interested in going. Linda McCowan is planning to attend and requested Council pay the attendance fee of \$75.00. Chris Mead mentioned that Heath Dill was interested. She will contact him and let City Clerk know if he needs to be registered. Council is in consensus to pay fee for attendees.

2. Revisit John Henderson proposal for new contract website only

Linda McCowan pointed out that the Council should better utilize John's committed time each month. Pointed out that his expertise could better serve City by re-doing the City Website to make it more user friendly rather than the current time spent by just coming out to count petty cash. Council is in concurrence that they want to keep John as an emergency go to if needed. Requested Clerk to contact John about possibly amending the contract and resubmitting it to Council at next meeting.

Executive Session Not Needed

Resident/Public Request to Appear before Council/Complaints

1. Marla Johnson and Traci Guesnier 424 Santa Fe Bldg Permits

Marla and Traci both in attendance at meeting. They are requesting a building permit for the travel trailer which was moved onto the site Feb 5 without permission. Mayor asked if they are the legal owners of the site at this time. No was the answer, Marla is still waiting on Roger Johnson, current landowner, to get signatures. Mayor informed them that, at this time, Council can make no decision on the site until they are the legal owners. The building permit will be tabled until they can prove ownership. There was further discussion about what they intend to do on the site but no actions taken. Clerk pointed out to them that the next step with current landowner would be to send out a notice to appear in Municipal court for the illegal building. Marla requested that they be given a week to talk with Roger again.

2. Billie Mc Quiston Fencing Permit

Question to City Clerk as to who actually signed the permit, Billie McQuiston or Coni McQuiston? Clerk did not know and it was impossible to make signature out. Clerk is requested to contact Coni on this. Some discussion on making sure they maintain the appropriate 5 foot distance back from the 10 foot alleyway. Maintenance will contact Billie to see if he can prove where the property pins are located or if survey is necessary. Council would also like more information and fencing material. Tabled till next meeting and further info gathered.

3. David Shearrer Fencing Permit 429 Pawnee

Clerk informed Council that they currently just want to repair the existing fence with same chainlink material and in future they are thinking to replace with new wood fencing approximately 4 ft in height. Council was concerned with the view being obstructed at alley exit onto Rock and the intersection of Rock & Pawnee. Maintenance pointed out that the new construction with new materials would need to meet the Code restriction of being 5 feet back from the sidewalk. The existing chainlink (grandfathered) can stay where it is, as long as it is only repaired with same material as original.

Department Reports

Fire Chief

Volunteer Fire Fighter Shane Bowman filled in for Fire chief in his absence. Commented that all equipment that was ordered back in December has finally been received. Still need to find the

time to get the new tanker truck up to Hays for electrical fixes. Clerk requested Chris Mead to contact Heath about any new volunteer firefighters needing to be added to driver update list for Insurance purposes.

Treasurer

Council consensus to accept Treasure report as presented. **Motion #1** Chris Mead motioned to pay True Value receipt in amount of \$80.96, GBTribune invoice 67233 in amount of \$32.37 and Advantage Computer Quote 38012 in amount of \$310.00. Phyllis Agee seconded. Carried 3-0.

Clerk/ Changes in Jayhawk/ Utility Reconciliation

Clerk requested permission to attend FEMA briefing on Feb ice storm at BT County Courthouse on Friday March 10th. Council concurred.

Clerk highlighted some info in report on James White/KDHE final payouts, the KDAgriculture Appropriation of Water Right file 40055 and the Kansas.gov debit on the Sunflower Bank Statement for \$6.50.

Maintenance

Council concurs with request from Maintenance to put large fire extinguisher in city Truck.

Request to rent limb grinder from Foley's to help get rid of excessive amount of limbs out by brush pile. Maintenance plans to spread chips on Sewer Plant grounds to eliminate need to spray for weeds. No action taken.

Discussion of annual spring clean-up. Date set for April 29th, 8 till 11 AM. Maintenance will call Stone Waste for dumpsters. One metal and two regular trash. Clerk will put notice on April 1st bill cards.

Motion #2 Chris Mead motioned to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Agee seconded. Carried 3-0.

Minutes Approved on April 4, 2017

Mayor, LindaMcCowan-Waite Linda McCowan-Waite

City Clerk, Cathy Grover Cathy Grover

