

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held October 6, 2014, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, David Draayer, Jerry Knouf. Absent: David Hardy. Others present: Teresa Rohr, Sherry Knouf, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Bruce Berkley, LaRhea Cole, Ron Duran.

Mayor Brush called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

John moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2014. Carried.

John moved, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 29, 2014. Carried.

Teresa Rohr and Sherry Knouf were present to request the fees be waived at the memorial hall. John moved, seconded by Teri, to waive the memorial hall fees for the girl scouts area play on November 15th. Carried. Jerry abstained.

Jerry gave the law enforcement report for the period of September 1 – October 1, 2014.

Ron Duran reported that he is still contacting dog owners about their delinquent tags. A court case has been cleared up.

Terry Gradig asked about swapping the Veteran's Day holiday for the day after Thanksgiving. Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to allow the city employees to take November 28th as a paid holiday in place of Veteran's Day. Carried.

Terry had received permission from KDHE to farm the industrial lagoon ground. He had been fixing water leaks. Terry also discussed options for sewer lines to the industrial park.

Due to a fire department concern, John will be checking with Kyle Railroad about their large pile of railroad ties.

Bruce said that there will be a fire safety presentation at the school on Friday morning.

Bruce reported that the land surveys are finished. KDHE requires a notice that the land is a former city dump sight. The sale is planned for November 10th at the memorial hall.

Bruce reported that the property owner, of lots on west Commercial, has contacted him about possibly transferring these lots to the city. The owner had received a notice from code enforcement.

Bruce reported on an anonymous complaint referencing his legal opinion on golf cart regulations.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve a builder contractor's license for Kevin LaRosh, #14-62. Carried.

John moved to approve building permits #14-22 and #14-23. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

Jerry moved, seconded by Teri, to approve moving permit #14-24. Carried. John abstained.

Bruce reviewed a draft ordinance on licensing scrap metal dealers. No action was taken at this time.

Dave D. had prepared a couple of water and sewer rate proposals for January, 2015. Council will take some time to review the proposed changes. One change would be to increase the rate with increased usage. The second change would increase the minimum for outside the city limits. Mayor Brush asked if the council wants to allow any new water/sewer accounts outside the city limits.

Mayor Brush reported that she had discussed annexation with many of the property owners north of the highway. She explained the 1979 land use plan for future growth, showing that annexation is not a new idea. Most understood the benefits of coming into the city. The next step would be for the council to decide the boundary lines. Mayor Brush will bring options to be reviewed.

An application for Marie Thomas Trust funds for youth activities was received from Priscilla Brillhart, Trustee of the Scout House. Jerry will take this to the committee for review.

A letter was received from Skilar Winder, Osborne County Solomon Valley Transportation Leadership Team, with information about the new public transportation service. Mayor Brush will contact Skilar for additional information.

Mayor Brush announced that Senator Dole will be in Osborne at the Veterans Building on Sunday October 12 from noon to 1:00 p.m. Senator Dole is making a Gratitude Tour of Kansas and invites the public.

Mayor Brush presented a request from the Downs Chamber of Commerce for a donation to help pay for expenses. Action was tabled.

Terry asked Mayor Brush if she had received any reply from the elevator's regarding street repair. She had not heard back.

Mayor Brush reported that the Planning Commission had met. They are discussing allowing accessory buildings, with restrictions. Council was encouraged to attend.

John reported that he has asked Co-op to spray the ground that will be for sale.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed with the exception of a voucher to Claude Warren. Council will have questions for Claude at the next meeting.

Mayor Brush asked the council if they would like supervisors to fill out evaluation forms this year or just have the employees come to a meeting for wage review. Terry and Vickie will complete the forms.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry to approve the vouchers/payrolls as presented. Carried.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Teri, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Carried.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk