
The January 22, 2018 regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Julie Lyon.

Council members Cheryl Blanton, Ryan Clark, Dennis Dye, Andy Holmes and Nicholas Minks were present for roll call. City Staff present were Interim City Superintendent McMillian, Police Chief Brown and City Administrator Downing. There were 11 guests present.

Mayor Lyon led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Waste water operator was added under new business.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES

Council member Holmes made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the January 8, 2018 regular council meeting and appropriation order 1-18; Council Member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

#1-18	
W&L Utility	\$86,982.88
General	\$37,997.12
Ritz Theatre	\$4,281.83
Sewage Disposal	\$507.70
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$129,769.53

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mason Banks with KCGunite and Jim Sullivan were present to discuss the most recent swimming pool proposal. The pool project as it stands is currently over budget, they were present to discuss options for possible cuts/redesign moving forward. He explained the process of design and that he met with the PBC (Public Building Commission) early on to gather their vision for the pool and get all the requests on the table. He also met with City staff regarding the utilities. He stated that pricing for the project is higher than expected. He asked the Council for reinforcement on the project, if they were sticking to the budget or if they wanted to keep it at the current proposal and allocate additional funds. It was the consensus of the Council to stay within the project budget as that was the budgeted amount KCGunite stated they could build the swimming pool for. There was further discussion regarding the increase in costs, code and ADA factors. He informed them that the PBC had met and discussed ideas to cut costs which included reducing the cement deck size/fencing, combining the concession area/bathhouse to one building, changing the exterior walls to the chlorine house, different slide options, etc. There was much discussion regarding the swimming pool, possible cuts and budget. Mason stated that he would review the proposed cuts and update the drawings and budget to see if the proposed changes brought us closer to the budget.
- Council member Holmes made a motion to approve the invoice to KCGunite for partial design drawings in the amount of \$66,500.00; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Sharilyn McNickle was present on behalf of the Recreation Commission to discuss a contract draft for the annex property. She stated that they were working on a lease for the property which would include a private investor and would state that the property would automatically resort back to the City at no cost if the Recreation Commission ceased to exist. There was further discussion regarding a private investor holding title until the renovation lease is paid for, the type of renovations to be completed and the cost of around \$175,000 for the renovations. Mayor Lyon stated that the Recreation Commission had recently met and they would like an answer before moving forward to draft a contract. After discussion, City Attorney Knappenberger stated that they needed to have their attorney present a contract proposal for review before any decisions could be made.
- Council member Dye asked the Council to consider paying Doug Brown for his sick leave hours as he has taken medical retirement. There was discussion on the matter regarding the policy on sick leave pay. Council member Dye made a motion to pay Doug Brown for his 250 hours of sick leave for medical retirement; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 1.
- Council member Holmes made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elect personnel for a personnel matter with Mayor, Council, City Attorney Knappenberger, Interim City Superintendent McMillian and City Administrator Downing until 8:30; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:30. Council member Holmes made a motion to increase Craig Ottos salary by \$1.25/hr; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council member Blanton made a motion to accept Julie Lyons resignation from the PBC (Public Building Commission) as she is now the Mayor and appoint Jason Deel in her position as well as Candi Teichman and Arlene Lickiss as their terms were set to renew. Current PBC members are Candi Teichman, Jan VanDam, John Hildebrand, Arlene Lickiss, Chelsea Keck and Jason Deel; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- BCBS premiums were presented for renewal with a rate increase of 3.69% which was around 7% lower than anticipated. Council member Blanton made a motion to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance premium renewal for 2018; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Spending authority for the City Administrator was discussed. The City Superintendent position currently has a spending authority of \$5,000 which allows approval of invoices between regular Council meetings. Council member Holmes made a motion to approve a spending authority of \$5,000 for the City Administrator; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- City Administrator Downing informed the Council that they have interviewed one candidate for the Police Chief position and had two more to go. She stated that the Council had preference for the Police Chief to live within the City limits, however the handbook allows for a 30 minute response time and we could not require residency. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have City Administrator Downing amend the handbook to state Police Department personnel would be required to reside within a 10 minute response time and bring to the next meeting for approval.
- Mayor Lyon asked the Council if they would like to consider an interim Police Chief during the hiring process and time it would take for relocation once hired. It was the consensus of the Council that at this point in the process, an interim Police Chief was not necessary. There was also discussion regarding part time Police officer help. It was the consensus of the Council to pursue part time police officer employment.
- Interim City Superintendent McMillian stated that we do not currently have a certified wastewater operator and we needed to sign up an employee in training to start that process. He informed the Council that they would need to consider a contract wastewater operator for the duration of that

process. It was the consensus of the Council to allow a search for a certified wastewater operator, contract wage and hours.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim City Superintendent McMillian informed the Council that his last day with the City would be February 15th and thanked them for allowing him the opportunity to return to the City and help in the transitional phase. There were no other staff comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Clark thanked Interim City Superintendent McMillian for all of his help. Council member Holmes asked for the airport to be added to the next agenda for further discussion as we received an appraisal on the property and didn't discuss it much further after that. There were no other Council comments.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council – Council member Blanton made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator

A draft copy of minutes from the February 12, 2018 regular Council meeting is available in the City office