
The July 23, 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 was City Administrator Downing. There were 6 guests present.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Police department vehicle was added to old business. Utility poles and social media policy was added to new business.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES

Council member Holmes made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July 9, 2018 regular council meeting and appropriation order 13-18; Council Member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

#13-18	
W&L Utility	\$64,589.98
General	\$35,724.57
Ritz Theatre	\$3,493.50
Sewage Disposal	\$192.75
Solid Waste Refuse	\$10,910.25
Library	\$1,799.00
Swimming Pool Construction Fund	\$300,168.15
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$405,967.95

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Oad Sears asked the Council to review codes that allow a police officer the right to enter onto a property. He also discussed the right of way to the center of the road and tethering of dogs.

OLD BUSINESS

- City Administrator Downing informed the Council that she received a date of July 31st from PurpleWave to start documenting the items for sale. She also asked for additional items from City inventory that were not being used to be listed. It was the consensus of the Council to allow unused City items to be listed. She informed the Council that the Recreation Commission could use the carpet squares in their renovation if the Council would allow those to be removed from the sale list. It was the consensus of the Council to donate the carpet to the Recreation Commission. There was further discussion regarding the lawn mower, it was the consensus of the Council for it to be returned for sale on PurpleWave.
- There was discussion regarding community planning ideas from reviewing the infrastructure plan that was started last year, new businesses, old property to be salvaged or demolished, budget and land bank.
- Police Chief Mattice talked to the Council about his idea for a new Police Department vehicle. He informed the Council of his recent patrolling in the community both in car and on foot. He believes the

community has been receptive of the interactions and he asked for consideration of a motorcycle as the next patrol vehicle. He discussed in great detail several points of the positive role a Police motorcycle may serve in a community of our size. He informed the Council of the option to purchase a 2019 Harley Davidson Sportster, Police Department package for around \$9,000.00. There was additional discussion regarding weather, prisoner transport and licensing requirements. Council member Holmes made a motion to approve purchase of the 2019 Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle up to the amount of \$9,500.00; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Greg Kite, President of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Wichita and Sedgwick County was present to discuss the BNSF Depot. He informed the Council that his organization is concerned about the potential demolition of the depot. He informed them that he has taken many steps behind the scenes to work on stopping the demolition and start preservation. He is not asking the City for any funding, just support for their efforts to be utilized. His organization has funding set aside for projects like this and they are ready and willing to organize preservation if the depot can be saved. He discussed varied projects throughout Kansas that his organization has helped preserve. He also stated that as well as support from the Governing Body, community support would also be needed. There was much discussion regarding preservation options and the depots future as well as other buildings in town that needed preservation. The immediate focus is for preservation, the overall plan for the end result can continue to evolve. Council member Holmes made a motion to fully support the Historic Preservation Alliance of Wichita and Sedgwick County in their efforts to save the BNSF Depot from demolition; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Council member Holmes made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Alex Partida; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Council member Blanton made a motion to approve an invoice to Carrothers Construction Company in the amount of \$229,649.40; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Council member Clark made a motion to purchase a load of electric poles from Stanions in the amount of \$11,816.00; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Council member Minks stated that he would like to see a social media policy implemented. City Attorney Knappenberger stated that those can get difficult with freedom of speech litigation. There was further discussion of social media postings by employees, or ex-employees regarding negativity.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Knappenberger informed the Council of policy committees forming this month within the League of Kansas Municipalities. They will take up issues to be voted on in October. City Administrator Downing informed the Council of primary electric work in the alley East of Main being put up in the next week. There were no other staff comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Blanton asked about the County possibly sharing the cost of fixing the road by the hospital where large equipment is always turning out onto. City Administrator Downing informed the Council that the City was working on getting quotes for placing cement in that area. Council member Dye discussed ordinances in general and reviewing areas that are vague. City Attorney Knappenberger suggested holding another workshop to further discuss those City codes. Council member Minks asked about the status of a code enforcement officer. City Administrator Downing stated that the person who was previously selected for approval has fallen ill and cannot proceed with the position. Mayor Lyon informed the Council that the State would be out the first or second

week in August for the traffic survey by the pool. She also thanked the Council for continuing to work on things and move forward. There were no other Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolyn Williams informed the Council that she has been in this community for 14 years and wanted to compliment City staff on the streets and gulley’s being worked, weeds being sprayed and cleaned up, sidewalks have been cleaned up with weeds removed, etc. She feels things look better than they have in years. Mary Bunker encouraged the Council to publicize the Police Department motorcycle venture for community interest. Jan VanDam gave an update on the annex building and stated that renovations were about three weeks from completion.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council – Council member Minks made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator

A draft copy of minutes from the August 13, 2018 regular Council meeting is available in the City office