
The September 10, 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 5 guests present.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Code enforcement was added under old business.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES

Council member Holmes made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the August 27, 2018 regular council meeting and appropriation order 16-18; Council Member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

#16-18

W&L Utility	\$100,908.89
General	\$21,767.26
Ritz Theatre	\$1,474.86
Solid Waste Refuse	\$11,264.25
Capital Improvement	\$13,372.14
Sewage Disposal	\$3,796.50
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$183,291.70

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ordinance #1049 was presented regarding the 1.5% electrical rate increase. Council member Clark made a motion to approve Ordinance #1049; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Ordinance #1050 was presented regarding the 1.5% water rate increase. Council member Blanton made a motion to approve Ordinance #1050; Council member Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Mayor Lyon asked the Council for discussion regarding the BNSF Depot. There was discussion regarding the support/commitment for taking on renovations past the scope of what the historical society had to offer. She asked the governing body to determine if they were willing to accept ownership and liability of the building if that was the only way to secure it from demolition. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to allow Mayor Lyon to contact appropriate parties as the City would not be willing to accept ownership of the BNSF Depot.
- City Attorney Knappenberger informed the Council of two code letters that went out the prior week regarding façade on building fronts and also stated that he contacted a mason for a quote for the owners as well. He also stated that he and City Administrator Downing have started working on creating a grant fund to match improvements to buildings similar to what we currently do with

demolition assistance. Mayor Lyon stated that she had asked for the code enforcement letters from the weekend to be held after she received an update as she wanted to make sure the process was further discussed in order to remain consistent with the goal of the code enforcement process. There was much discussion regarding code enforcement, the process and City codes. Council member Minks made a motion to recess into executive session for non-elect personnel for personnel matter with Mayor, Council, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 8:05; Council member Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:05. Council member Blanton made a motion to recess back into executive session for non-elect personnel for personnel matter with Mayor, Council, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 8:10; Council member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:10 with no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- City Administrator Downing discussed the \$500 spay/neuter assistance program with the Council and will be keeping it an annual program as the prior years trial was very successful.
- Demolition assistance was discussed as a proposal for demolition had been presented. City Administrator Downing had asked for the Council to consider set pricing for any type of assistance to alleviate asking on a case by case basis. City Attorney Knappenberger suggested a sliding scale to determine the Cities contribution. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing work on a cost proposal.
- Police officer pay was discussed. It was the consensus of the Council to continue working on a pay plan and review again at 90 days post-graduation for the new officers.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Administrator Downing informed the Council that she would be accepting the bid from Davis in the amount of \$5,635.00 for the sewer connection at the new swimming pool as they were considerably cheaper due to them not requiring shoring. She also informed the Council that the items were listed on PurpleWave auction site and reminded them to view the new City website at staffordkansas.com for other updates. There were no other staff comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Clark asked about the status of the radar. City Administrator Downing stated that the current radar was working and has been in use and that the new radar had been ordered. Council member Minks asked if the follow up review for the property at 212 E Broadway was scheduled, City Administrator Downing stated it was set for the next regular Council meeting. Council member Minks asked about the status of the property at 525 S Keystone, City Administrator Downing stated that the City crew had finally gotten the carpet removed and was cleaning the property and would be listing it soon. Council member Minks asked about the status of the mower, City Administrator Downing stated that she was still waiting on the receipt confirmation for the certified letter that had been mailed. Council member Minks thanked the City crew for cleaning the gutters. Mayor Lyon stated she has been hearing lots of positive comments regarding things being done and going well around the City. She informed the Council that the windmill blade parking trial on City property went well over the weekend and the road did not have to be closed. There were no other Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council – Council member Minks made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

ATTEST:

Julie Lyon, Mayor

Jami Downing, City Administrator