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

Council members Cheryl Blanton, Dennis Dye, Andy Holmes and Nicholas Minks were present for roll call. City Staff present was City Administrator Downing. There were 4 guests present.

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES

Council member Blanton made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 9, 2018 regular council meeting and appropriation order 19-18; Council Member Dye seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.

#19-18	
W&L Utility	\$50,369.08
General	\$26,506.18
Ritz Theatre	\$3,320.92
Swimming Pool Construction	\$255,637.60
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$335,833.78

COMMUNICATION

There was no communication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor Lyon updated the Council with the area information Simply Goods Overstock is asking to use. It was the consensus of the Council to allow them to park U-Hauls on the South West area of the shed on the Highway 50 lot.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council discussed the offer to purchase old items from the Ritz Theatre. Council member Holmes made a motion to accept \$700 from Bill Kraske for the speaker cabinet, woofer and horn speaker; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Council member Holmes made a motion to approve the Carrothers Construction Invoice in the amount of \$255,637.60; Council member Minks seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding location of the diving board and slide possibly being different than discussed, one change was due to regulation requirements. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- The Code Enforcement position was discussed for an update in the process. There was much discussion regarding the code enforcement position, keeping the position past the previously discussed 6 months, expectation of properties to be enforced in a timeframe, etc. City Administrator Downing informed the Council that Police Chief Mattice would like to bring the code enforcement back into the Police Department. At the current rate of enforcement, it is likely that the police officers would be finishing two or three of the proposed quadrants anyways. After additional discussion,

Council member Holmes made a motion to discontinue the part-time Code Enforcement officer position and return that code enforcement to the police department; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 – 1.

- Council member Holmes made a motion to recess into Executive Session for non-elect personnel for employee review with Mayor, Council, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 7:55; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 7:55. Council member Blanton made a motion to recess back into Executive Session for non-elect personnel for employee review with Mayor, Council, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 8:05; Council member Minks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:05. Council member Holmes made a motion to recess back into Executive Session for non-elect personnel for employee review with Mayor, Council, City Attorney Knappenberger and City Administrator Downing until 8:15; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 – 0. Council returned to regular session at 8:15.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Knappenberger informed the Council that he would not be present at the next regular Council meeting but would be available by phone if needed. He also discussed the island annexation that was previously talked about for the airport and stated that we needed to have a solid plan before applying for that as there are usually provisions to provide utilities that come with approval and we did not need to annex with no set plan. City Administrator Downing informed the Council of the new poles and lines that were being set down West Morrell and informed the Council of an upcoming active shooter event that would be utilizing the Ritz Theatre. She also stated the PurpleWave Auction total was \$27,172.50 which included \$11,660.00 from items out of the old annex and \$15,512.50 from City equipment and the mower has not yet been returned. She informed the Council that the swimming pool was nearing completion. There were no other staff comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council member Dye asked about updating the ‘no u-turn’ signs on Main Street so that residents were aware if they could not be completing u-turns in intersections where there has not previously been a problem. Council member Minks asked if the dirt by the swimming pool was going to be leveled so that it does not drain to the Recreation building. City Administrator Downing stated that once all the dirt was moved, there would be grading completed to try and keep any excess water from draining towards the building. Mayor Lyon informed the Council that she had received questions again about publishing the draft minutes in the paper, after discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to continue publishing approved minutes only. She also informed the Council that the windmill job is moving and the last of the blades being in town was near. She also stated that some Verizon workers were in town and would be starting work with the repeaters soon. She also asked the Council to consider what they would do if they were gifted money for a project. Council member Minks stated he would like to see a Veterans Memorial on Highway 50 if there was any possible funding. There were no other Council comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council – Council member Minks made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 P.M.; Council member Blanton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 - 0.

Julie Lyon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jami Downing, City Administrator

A draft copy of minutes from the November 13, 2018 regular Council meeting is available in the City office or online at www.staffordkansas.com