

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Batchelder, Dana Clary, Ben Gilmore, Matt Peterson, and Jerry Twombly.

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, City Police Chief Brandon Whetstine and City Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach

GUESTS PRESENT: Pam Twombly, Rocky Ruhnke, Selena Diveley and Kamdyn, Paul Rush and Russell Karn

PRESIDING: Mayor Scott Sisk

7:00 p.m. Mayor Sisk called the regular city council meeting to order.

Charles Batchelder moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to approve the September 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Ben Gilmore moved and Charles Batchelder seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented for the month of September 2016. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rocky Ruhnke commented that the Snowflake Festival, November 25th, will be similar to last year, with blocking off the 300 block of Main Street for the festival and asked if the community center is available in case of inclement weather. All volunteers are welcome and contact Mr. Ruhnke for more information. Also, the Stop and Shop in-store credit cards arrived and given to the clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Sisk reported the sewer main support repairs near Vermont and Carolina have been completed and area cleaned and reseeded.

Following discussion, Ben Gilmore moved and Jerry Twombly seconded a motion to increase Samantha Wigle pay for cleaning the community center to \$100 per month and continue at \$20 per event for opening/closing the building. Motion carried 5-0

Attorney Collins has corresponded with James Lednicky, Rainbow Communications, regarding the franchise agreement with hopes to meet with Mr. Lednicky and the Finance Committee before the November council meeting.

On October 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., Attorney Collins, Mayor Sisk and Council members Peterson and Twombly plan to meet with USDA representatives and discuss the possible water treatment plant and area water resources.

Attorney Collins will research the sewer ordinances and email the Water/Sewer Committee and Clerk for review and possible the need to update the ordinance regarding items being flushed into the sewer system.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine read his report to the Council. 2-Arrest, 19-Citations, 15-Warnings, 18-Calls for Service, 4-Assists to other Agencies, 0-Accident Report and 12-Criminal Investigations.

Ben Gilmore moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to purchase 4 new tires from Triple L Tire, same as current tires, to be install on the primary police truck with the primary truck tires moved to the secondary police truck. Motion carried 5-0

James Horner, City of Troy, will serve the City of Highland as KDHE-certified wastewater operator for the city's wastewater treatment facility replacing Mark Morgan for the same fee.

Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach contacted Allied Pump to pull and inspect the lift station pumps. Towels are continuing to be found at the pumps and more documentation will be recorded. The repair cost will be approximately \$4,000 for installation of a valve, gaskets and slide bracket. Mayor suggested pulling and inspecting the pumps next year.

Matt Peterson moved and Charles Batchelder seconded a motion authorizing the necessary parts and repairs on the lift station pumps by Allied Pump. Motion carried 5-0

Aaron Leach provided information on the upcoming smoke testing of the sewer system as suggested by KRWA. The first test is to find large sources of where the storm water is entering the sewer collection system. The second time to smoke test would be later, possibly as late as fall of 2017.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance Committee – Nothing

Law Enforcement Committee – Jerry Twombly: Address in Executive Session - Legal

Parks and Rec. Committee – Dana Clary: Minier Park - Checking with Chris Gibson on stripping the basketball court, basketball goals installed and city hall is a possible location to check out the padlock key for the goals crank, fence will be completed in 1 to 2 weeks; Degginger Park bench is completed and ground seeded in grass; Lions Club asking for the concrete drive to be torn out at the ball field concession stand and Lions would purchase rock for the area (council members will evaluate); possibility of starting a Recreation Commission (council to give some thought, check options, advantages/disadvantages); possibly remove the judge's salary out of Parks & Rec. account; and explore the possibility of a satellite pharmacy in Highland.

Street and Alley Committee – Charles Batchelder: Nothing

Water and Sewer Committee – Matt Peterson: Previously addressed

Personnel Committee – Scott Sisk: Nothing

With no bids being received for the skid loader, backhoe attachment, a smaller bucket for the backhoe attachment, a tooth bucket and a smooth bucket, Jerry Twombly moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to contact and advertise with Purple Wave auctions with a detailed description of the equipment. Motion carried 5-0

Following Attorney Collins explanation to amend the current golf cart ordinance, Matt Peterson moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 534 as drafted which will allow operation after sunset or before sunrise if properly equipped with lights as law requires. By roll call vote: Twombly – yes, Batchelder – yes, Gilmore – yes, Peterson – yes, and Clary - yes. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dana Clary moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 7:45 p.m. for 15 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0; Mayor asked for Jerry Twombly, Ben Gilmore, Matt Peterson and Dana Clary to remain.

Jerry Twombly moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to enter into an agreement with the Batchelder's on the roadside park property through Attorney Pam Blevins and Attorney Mike Schmitz provided the agreement is signed and returned to the city by no later than Friday, October 21, 2016. Motion carried 4-0, Batchelder abstained

Matt Peterson moved and Ben Gilmore seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 8:02 p.m. for 15 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 5-0, to remain: City Attorney and Clerk

Attorney Collins provided an update on issues with bail bonds and may address the bond schedule.

Dana Clary moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.