

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
JUNE 13, 2018  
5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dana Clary, Jesse Marriott, Matt Peterson and Rocky Ruhnke

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles Batchelder

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dennis Lentz

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Jerry Twombly

Mayor Twombly called the regular city council meeting to order.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular city council meeting held on May 9, 2018. Motion carried 4-0

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Two Timbers asked to shoot fireworks on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at their employee appreciation event as they did last year. Dana Clary moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to allow Jerry/Pam Twombly, Two Timbers, to shoot fireworks up to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Motion carried 4-0

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

Mayor Twombly- In working with the state on the speed entering town at the south entrance, progress appears to be made. Several options are available inside the city limits, ex. flashing light, radar speed sign. The street & alley committee, Mayor Twombly and Attorney Collins will meet and bring back a recommendation at the July meeting. Mayor Twombly stated 20+ ton of cold patch was delivered after last meeting.

Attorney Collins – A roofing group met with Mr. Collins, asking the city to consider adoption or recommending a roofing standard code of installing an ice and water shield.

Clerk Karn – Council received an invitation to the Business Appreciation Breakfast, June 21, 2018, 7:30 a.m. at HCC Walters Wellness Center; preliminary numbers show a very slight increase in the general fund budget; and the city's sales tax revenue was up in January but down in March and April with a slight yearly increase at the end of May.

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine – No report; Update on Officer Williams - he has a June 26<sup>th</sup> doctors appointment and expect to return following it. The police vehicle should be ready for service at any time - After the vehicle's front end was repaired, a problem was found with the motor and insurance agreed to install an equivalent used motor with a one year warranty.

Maintenance Supervisor Leach – Mr. Leach is installing cold patch and sweeping streets for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance Committee** – Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Charles Batchelder – Absent

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Dana Clary – Senior Citizen Center will have a free will donation breakfast on June 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Center; and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee is asking for part of West Avenue be closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Matt Peterson moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to close West Avenue from Walters Wellness Center parking lot to the community center driveway from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, respect the no parking areas at the community center/fire department for emergency vehicles. Motion carried 4-0

**Street and Alley Committee** – Rocky Ruhnke – Nothing at this time

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Matt Peterson – Nothing on Water/Sewer. The city has received an updated unsafe structure list and a committee of Council members Matt Peterson, Rocky Ruhnke, Mayor Twombly, Chief Whetstine, and Attorney Collins will meet and have a recommendation for the council at the July regular meeting.

**Outreach Committee** – Jerry Twombly, Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**Planning & Zoning** – Jerry Twombly, Matt Peterson, Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**Personnel Committee** – Jesse Marriott – Nothing at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Following discussion on the previous community center parking lot bids, the consensus was to rebid with revised specifications and bids due by 4:00 p.m. on June 22, 2018 when the council will open the bids at a special meeting. Rocky Ruhnke will meet with Attorney Collins to draft the specs and invitation to bid.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to accept written applications from Marty Allen and Eric Edie for a water/sewer adjustment and follow the adopted guidelines at the lowest adjustment of \$1.00 per thousand gallons of water. Motion carried 4-0

Jess Marriott moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk