

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
June 12, 2019  
5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Delzeit, Terry Gibson, Matt Peterson, Rocky Ruhnke and Dana Clary arrived at 5:20 p.m.,

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, and City Maintenance Aaron Leach

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dennis Lentz, Russell Karn, Marty Allen, John Whetstine and Matt Peterson's son.

**PRESIDING:** Council President Terry Gibson (Mayor Batchelder absent)

Council President Gibson called the regular city council meeting to order.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 4-0

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

**CCTV Bid Opening**

President Gibson opened three (3) bids for the "Sewer System CCTV Inspection and Report" project. Received bids from Blue Water Solutions Group, Mayer Specialty Services and A-1 Pump & Jet Services. With the need of time to review the bids, the Water and Sewer Committee, Attorney Collins, Maintenance Leach and Clerk Karn will meet and submit a recommendation to the council in a special meeting before the next regular meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Lentz inquired about city purchasing rock for Nebraska Street from Main to Pennsylvania (2 blocks) and Dennis Lentz and John Whetstine would haul at no cost to the city. Mr. Whetstine indicated the cost would be \$1,800 - \$2,000 for base rock. Following discussion, the Street & Alley Committee will review the request to upgrade South Nebraska to an openly traveled street for mainly semi-trailers.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**Mayor Batchelder** – Absent

**Attorney Collins** – Provide input on items later in the meeting and request an executive session regarding the upcoming Old City Hall auction.

**Clerk Karn** – Reported the HP Ink Jet printer was not handling the load and asked for the purchase of the maintenance kit for the laser printer. Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to purchase the maintenance kit from Heartland Business totaling approximate \$500. Motion carried 4-0 Provided a brief update on preliminary numbers for the 2020 budget and the pending new application with Ks. Dept. of Ag., Div. of Water Resources, to use Well #3 for irrigation.

**Police Chief Whetstine** – Absent

**Maintenance Leach** – Making progress on installing water meters and asked for approval to purchase 3 new 30 MPH signs. Matt Peterson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion authorizing maintenance to purchase three (3) 30 MPH speed signs. Motion carried 4-0

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance Committee** – Greg Delzeit – Nothing at this time

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Matt Peterson – Chief Whetstine on vacation but provided an update – the warning notices for tall weeds have been sent out; requesting cross walks on Main Street be painted; \$5,378 in Asset Forfeiture money to purchase a hand gun from GM Firearms for Officer Williams at \$495 and used to build a 14' x 7' evidence room in the SW corner in his office; purchase second radar speed sign (\$3,279.85) and brackets (\$142) and waive the

community center rental fee for a benefit for Officer Williams granddaughter beginning at 5:30 p.m. on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Consensus of the council was to secure a second bid on the hand gun; price a large gun safe to secure evidence; radar sign tabled until next month and agreed to waive the community center rental fee for the benefit dinner, opening community center at 5:00 p.m., June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Dana Clary – Rachael Gibson will begin painting the Minier Park sidewalks within the next 10 days; K-Ball tournament is the last week of June; HCC Baseball Coach reported situations with dogs on the field; the barriers are up around the playground equipment and just need sand; the newly install street signs look good and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities are planned with the fireworks display beginning at 9:30 p.m.

**Street and Alley/Bldg & Grounds Committee** – Terry Gibson – Information later in the meeting

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Rocky Ruhnke – Mr. Ruhnke received a bid from Vance Brothers to oil and chat 20 streets totaling \$71,321.70. Vance Brothers will warranty the work but could not begin until August or September. Following discussion, Matt Peterson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to approve the 6.10.19 quote from Vance Brothers to oil and chat 20 streets in the amount of \$71,321.70. Motion carried 4-1

**Planning & Zoning** – Matt Peterson – Nothing at this time

**Personnel Committee** – Greg Delzeit – Nothing at this time

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Request an executive session to discuss legal issues with city attorney for the auction of the Old City Hall building. President Gibson indicated Gerald Neibling is securing bids for the upgrades on wells #3, #4 and #5, and believes the cost will exceed \$125,000.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

At the lagoons, President Gibson explained the need to inquire with KRWA and/or KDHE about the tube size for overflow from the lift station to the lower lagoons due to the excess flow into the lift station from the rains.

For the asphalt street maintenance, President Gibson recommended the purchase of a dual burner asphalt melter which can be used to seal the cracks costing in excess of \$1,000, with Council members Delzeit and Gibson volunteering to assist the city maintenance employees. Greg Delzeit moved and Matt Peterson seconded a motion allowing President Gibson to purchase a dual burner asphalt melter from a company of his choice. Motion carried 5-0

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Attorney Collins reviewed Senate Bill 105, Installation of Officers – which authorizes a city to determine the start date of a regular term of office for a city officer by resolution of the city. The bill requires the start date be on or after December 1 following certification of the election and no later than the second Monday in January. If the city does not establish an alternative date, the bill specifies such term will begin on the second Monday in January. This law is effective on July 1, 2019. Following discussion, Attorney Collins will draft a new charter ordinance addressing SB 105 along with clearer language on present terms.

Solicitation/Peddler ordinances are outdated. Following review and discussion, Attorney Collins will draft an ordinance for review next month.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:20 p.m. for 15 minutes for consultation with an attorney on legal matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 President asked the city attorney, city maintenance and clerk to remain

Greg Delzeit moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion establishing a minimum bid of \$10,000 for the upcoming real estate auction of what is known as “Old City Hall Property” with terms of sale. Motion carried 5-0

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0