

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
September 11, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Delzeit, Terry Gibson and Dana Clary

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Rocky Ruhnke and Matt Peterson

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Clerk Joann Karn, City Superintendent Kevin Lackey, Chief Brandon Whetstine and City Maintenance Trevor Saunders

GUESTS PRESENT: Jake Simmons and Selena Diveley

PRESIDING: Mayor Charles Batchelder

Mayor Batchelder called the regular city council meeting to order.

Terry Gibson moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 3-0

Greg Delzeit moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jake Simmons inquired about the outcome of his work at the Jerod Edie resident.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Batchelder – Complimented maintenance on the work progress

Attorney Collins – Absent

Clerk Karn – Reminded council of LKM Conference, October 12-14 in Overland Park, KS.

Police Chief Whetstine – a) Trunk or Treat will be held again on either October 26th or 27th. Dana Clary moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to donate \$300 towards hot dogs and bottled water for the Trunk or Treat event. Motion carried 3-0 b) Provided an update on the credible threat at Doniphan West USD111 involving a juvenile, school lockout, officers at the school doors and debriefing of situation. c) Had a parking problem at the high school jamboree held at the college, received an EMS call and Officer Williams back and scraped the high school's AD vehicle which was not parked in a designated area. A deputy is completing the accident report. A school bus hit a parked vehicle and the city had brought in extra officers, including our reserves, for this event. d) This year HCC students are unruly, especially at night against city law officers. The officers are working with the college to deal with the issue. e) Heartland Business is repairing the police computer as an external hard drive failed, along with looking at a different backup system.

Superintendent Lackey – Trevor Saunders is continuing to seal cracks and one more pallet of asphalt sealer was ordered. Vance Brothers spent a day and half on the oil and chat project. Working on a temporary fix of the water drainage issue in the alley south of the restaurant by raising the alley with rock. Jason Taylor will truck the rock if the city will purchase it. Upon completion of the restaurant, a more permanent solution will be in place for the water to drain in the storm drains. The city can use another 4-5 ton of cold patch for the streets at approx. \$90/ton. Other areas of concern for the streets are trimming trees and cleaning ditches. **Water** – the remaining meters to install are the most difficult ones and the meters at vacant residents will be checked before winter. MConn providing a bid to replace a couple meters at the college. Utility Services washed the inside of the north water tower with everything going well. KDHE recommends washing inside the towers every two years and the west water tower could be washed now for \$1,850. McGuire representative will be submitting an asset management proposal. West water tower has a cracked valve. **Sewer** – Mid-American Pump will do an extensive check list maintenance on the lift station pumps for \$2,321. Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to hire Mid-American Pump to provide maintenance on the lift station pumps for \$2,321. Motion carried 3-0 A1 Pump & Jet will be starting next Monday, 16th, on the sewer project of camera/cleaning the sewer lines. A1 is planning on having it completed in two weeks. The road to the upper lagoon needs 20 to 40 tons of rock in case there is an emergency. **Others** – The shop needs insulation and a furnace before winter along with the dump truck clutch showing signs of getting weak. Costs for each will be brought back later.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance Committee – Greg Delzeit – Nothing at this time

Law Enforcement Committee – Matt Peterson absent – Dana Clary and Chief Whetstine drove the town looking at derelict structures, weeds, untagged vehicles, etc. in an effort for city cleanup. Chief Whetstine is asking for council direction on enforcement. The governing body agreed the city has ordinances in place and enforcement needs to be fair across the board. Chief Whetstine will continue to send letters and bring in Malcom Grier to inspect and update the derelict structure list.

Parks and Rec. Committee – Dana Clary – Purchased trash cans for Degginger Park; Mr. Dave Reist is power washing and staining benches in Degginger Park; volleyball pit at the city park needs a net; Chief Whetstine checked on time ordinance at the city park – follow posted time; teeter totters are operational; and applied for grants.

Street and Alley/Bldg & Grounds Committee – Terry Gibson – Nothing at this time

Water and Sewer Committee – Rocky Ruhnke – Absent

Planning & Zoning – Matt Peterson – Absent

Personnel Committee – Greg Delzeit – Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance will be acquiring small pieces of equipment, as needed, to perform the required work.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry Gibson moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to close the 300 Block of West Main on Friday, November 29, 2019, from 4:30 – 7:15 p.m. for the Snowflake Festival and October 26 or 27, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for Trunk or Treat. Motion carried 3-0

Terry Gibson moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the modified Scrap Acceptance Agreement from Advantage Metals Recycling LLC. Motion carried 3-0

Greg Delzeit moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to accept written applications from Ron Sisk and Sharon Collins for a water/sewer adjustment and follow the adopted guidelines at the lowest adjustment of \$1.00 per thousand gallons of water. Motion carried 3-0

ORDINANCE

Greg Delzeit moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #556. An Ordinance of the City of Highland, Kansas, providing for the issuance of Special Event Retailer's permits allowing and regulating the sale of cereal malt beverage for consumption on premises not otherwise permitted or authorized to sell cereal malt beverage. By roll call vote: Delzeit – yes, Gibson – yes, and Clary – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dana Clary moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:10 p.m. for 15 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor asked Jake Simmons to remain; Mr. Simmons excused at 6:17 p.m.

Dana Clary moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:25 p.m. for 5 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Greg Delzeit moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried 3-0

Mayor

City Clerk