

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
August 12, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Delzeit, Marty Allen, Dan Collins and Terry Gibson

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rocky Ruhnke

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, City Superintendent Kevin Lackey and Water & Sewer Superintendent Trevor Saunders

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mark Rounds

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Charles Batchelder

The Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget was opened at 5:00 p.m. with council members present.

After a brief review, Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Terry Gibson moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Batchelder called the regular city council meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020, special city council meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Greg Delzeit moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2020, special city council meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Greg Delzeit moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2020, special city council meeting. Motion carried 4-0

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**Mayor Batchelder** – Nothing at this time.

**Attorney Collins** – Input on later agenda items.

**Clerk Karn** – Provided a comparison of cash balances for month end July, 2019 and July, 2020.

**Police Chief Whetstone** – Absent

**Water/Sewer Superintendent Saunders and City Superintendent Lackey** – Supt. Lackey indicated the shade in Minier Park will be installed; Bobcat will need new tires costing approx. \$1,000; repairs to the storm drain on the east side of 100 block N. Nebraska will cost approx. \$800-\$900. Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion authorizing \$800-\$900 for storm drain repairs in the 100 block of North Nebraska. Motion carried 4-0. Water/Sewer Supt. Saunders indicated the purchase of Root X for the sewer lines will be requested later. The Supts. are working to complete the inspection of the sewer lines for the upcoming grant requirement.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance Committee** – Marty Allen & Rocky Ruhnke – Nothing at this time

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Terry Gibson & Marty Allen – Requested to review police policies & personnel policies annually.

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Greg Delzeit & Rocky Ruhnke – Requested cost of replacement foam for the basketball goals at Minier Park due to vandalism.

**Street and Alley/Bldg & Grounds Committee** – Terry Gibson & Dan Collins – Enough salt and sand for winter, need a little more cold patch

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Rocky Ruhnke & Terry Gibson – Working on sewer line inspections; the lift station pump #2 and #3 had an electrical switching problem and a \$500 part is ordered; pump #1 should be installed on location next week or the following week and will have an additional expense of pumping the sewer level down before installation; a detailed discussion was had concerning Brian Kingsley, BG Consultants, letter with the consensus of the council to proceed with the nitrate removal plant and seek the available funding.

**Planning & Zoning** – Marty Allen & Greg Delzeit – Nothing at this time

**Personnel Committee** – Greg Delzeit & Dan Collins – Nothing at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Purchase of Summer Rec Machine Pitch Baseballs for 2021 tabled until next month. Discussion was had on weeds, trash, untagged vehicles, etc. in the city is a work in progress with notices forthcoming.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Marty Allen explained his wish to build a deck on the house at 107 S Prairie Street. Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to change the ordinance for all building permits to be approved by the council. Motion failed 2-3 (Gibson, Collins, Batchelder)

Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion assigning responsibility to the Chief of Police to regularly review properties for compliance with zoning and other city codes and issue warnings and citations, or report the same to the clerk, attorney, mayor and council for further review and action, as appropriate. Motion carried 4-0

Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion authorizing the mayor to sign the State of Kansas Grant Agreement No. 20-CV-087 and the contract for administration services with Western Consultants DBA Governmental Assistance Services. Motion carried 4-0

Greg Delzeit moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion authorizing purchase of a pallet of bottle water (168 gallons) for \$144.48 from Hiland Dairy. Motion carried 4-0

Attorney Collins indicated the Uniform Public Offense Code ordinance will be ready for adoption next month. Attorney Collins reviewed city codes and a proposed zoning ordinance amendment and, following discussion, the council consensus was for the city attorney to provide more information next month.

Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk