

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
July 8, 2020  
5:00 P.M.**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

**GUESTS PRESENT:** CB Lackey, Randy Snyder and Selena Diveley Via Zoom – Russell Karn, and Brad Vincent of Ground Water Associates.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Charles Batchelder

Mayor Batchelder called the regular city council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Marty Allen moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020, special city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Marty Allen moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020, special city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0

Brad Vincent, Ground Water Associates, provided background information on the city's current wells (#4 & #5), other wells and test wells drills in the area, along with the possible flow of nitrate from farming practices to the source water.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to call a special meeting for 9:30 a.m. on July 14, 2020, with the KIAC Meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Motion carried 5-0

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**Mayor Batchelder** – Mayor Batchelder passing along the comments on how nice the town looked for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, along with a great parade and fireworks display.

**Attorney Collins** – Matters for Executive Session and input on later agenda items.

**Clerk Karn** – Doniphan County Commissioners inquired if the city would split the cost of a survey to determine the city/county line at the north city limits, North Kansas St./Coronado Rd. Following discussion, Terry Gibson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to pay half (\$550) of the \$1,100 quote from Schwab Eaton which provided a Certificate of Survey and the city asks for the coordinates be put into a GPS format for the future. Motion carried 4-1 Allen Big Kansas Road Trip has been moved to May 6-9, 2021.

**Police Chief Whetstine** – Absent

**Water Superintendent Saunders and City Superintendent Lackey** – Supt. Lackey indicated the need for more cold-patch. Bobcat air conditioner is fixed, just low on freon.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

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

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Terry Gibson & Marty Allen – Chief is on vacation

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Greg Delzeit & Rocky Ruhnke – Rocky Ruhnke reported the youth summer ball program is going well and will finish in a week to 10 days. A request to purchase machine pitch baseballs for summer 2021 will be provided at the August regular meeting.

**Street and Alley/Bldg & Grounds Committee** – Terry Gibson & Dan Collins – Reported the humps on Main Street have been removed and repaired along with the maintenance staff repairing the asphalt roller for these projects.

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Rocky Ruhnke & Terry Gibson – Noted the KIAC meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020 and the special council meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Rocky Ruhnke left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Following review of the proposed 2021 budget which shows a slight increase (+.499) in the estimated tax rate (37.713 total), Terry Gibson moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to publish the Notice of Budget Hearing with the hearing set on August 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Motion carried 4-0

Attorney Collins noted the city lots (former Cluck Property) required additional work to produce a clear title for the buyer of the property, CB Lackey. This will be brought back to the council at a later date.

Attorney Collins suggested the discussion on city property code enforcement be discussed at the special meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to move the November 11, 2020 regular meeting to November 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

With Selena Diveley verifying the proposed 30' x 64' accessory building would be used only for residential purpose and not for any commercial storage, Terry Gibson moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to approve the site plan review application/checklist. Motion carried 4-0

Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk