

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
November 18, 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, Water & Sewer Superintendent Trevor Saunders and Police Chief Brandon Whetstine

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Doniphan County Sheriff Deputy Jared Ratzlaff and Under Sheriff Mark Allen; Gerald Neibling and Esther Gormley

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Charles Batchelder

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

Terry Gibson moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020, special city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

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

**PRESENTATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Doniphan County Deputy Ratzlaff and Under Sheriff Allen are establishing a new program, Donuts with Deputies, to work more closely with community members and have open dialogue at monthly meetings through out the county on scheduled Saturdays. The deputies are asking to use the community building, if not in use, free of charge, two or three Saturday mornings next year, rotating between communities. Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to add Doniphan County Sheriff Department to the Community Center Rate sheet, Without Alcohol - Exempt, and With Alcohol – standard charge/deposit with Alcohol permit. Motion carried 5-0

Esther Gormley, Highland Pride, advised the council a Drive-Thru Snowflake Festival will be held Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Traffic flow will be coordinated with the police department. Following discussion on electrical issues in Degginger Park, Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion authorizing Gerald Neibling to install timers and fix current electrical issues in Degginger Park prior to the festival. Motion carried 5-0 (Highland Pride will donate towards the improvements)

Gerald Neibling, along with Terry Gibson, provided information on the condition of well #4 and #5, the well house, and pumps. Mr. Neibling believes several areas need immediate repairs. Discussion was had resulting in Attorney Collins coordinating a meeting with BG Consultant representatives regarding the concerns for immediate repairs and the proposed water treatment plant.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

**Mayor Batchelder** – Nothing at this time

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

**Clerk Karn** – Input on later agenda items

**Police Chief Whetstine** – Announced the upcoming Snowflake Festival, the success of the Halloween Trunk or Treat, and Malcom Grier not available for code inspections. Regarding code violations, the council's consensus was for Attorney Collins to begin the process.

**Water/Sewer Superintendent Saunders and City Superintendent Lackey** –Supt. Saunders presented handouts from Supt. Lackey, absent, bids to bore a service line at 1762 Coronado. Following discussion, the consensus for this water tap is the expense of the land owner. The Highland Care Center is asking for the city to provide gravel on the access to the east of their building. Attorney Collins will review the plat to determine if it is an alley or private property.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

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

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Terry Gibson & Marty Allen – Nothing at this time

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Greg Delzeit & Rocky Ruhnke – Nothing at this time

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

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Rocky Ruhnke & Terry Gibson – Upcoming meeting with BG Consultants

**Planning & Zoning** – Marty Allen & Greg Delzeit – Move ahead with the unsafe structures

**Personnel Committee** – Greg Delzeit & Dan Collins – Rocky Ruhnke asked which meeting the council would conducted personnel reviews and the consensus is at the December regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Greg Delzeit moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion for the city to donate \$200 to Doniphan County Pet Rescue to assist with food and supplies. Motion carried 4-1 (Allen)

Following the agreement review by Attorney Collins, Greg Delzeit moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to accept, contingent upon grant award, and authorize the Mayor to sign the “Legal Services Agreement.” Motion carried 5-0

Several applications have been forwarded to Mr. Nordstrom, GAS, for processing information on the applications and will be moving forward with the process of the CDBG-CV Grant.

**ORDINANCE:**

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 569, regulating the sale of CMB and Beer Containing Not More than 6% Alcohol by volume within said City and repealing Ordinance Number 551. By roll call vote: Delzeit-yes, Allen-yes, Ruhnke-yes, Collins-yes, Gibson-yes Motion carried 5-0

Discussion was had on annexing land, North Kansas Street/Coronado Road survey, and possible commercial development.

Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk