

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
April 16, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

Due to statewide stay-at-home orders, this meeting was held on Zoom video conferencing

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Joann Karn. Via Zoom - City Superintendent Kevin Lackey and Water/Sewer Superintendent Trevor Saunders

GUESTS PRESENT: Mark Rounds arrived at 2:30 p.m. Via Zoom – Russell Karn and BG Consultants: Brian Kingsley, Brian Foster, Jarrod Mann and Paul Owings

PRESIDING: Mayor Charles Batchelder

Mayor Batchelder called the special council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Attorney Collins to review and provide information on the various methods of funding larger projects. After reviewing several possible projects (water, sewer, streets, parks), due to high nitrate levels and aging sewer system, the preliminary projects were determined to be the water system improvements and the sanitary sewer system.

BG Consultants reviewed current funding opportunities and potential unidentified funding opportunities from future Federal stimulus bills. City will consider incorporating a new well house, pump repairs or replacement, electrical work in with a water treatment nitrate removal plant. A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for a water treatment plant was completed in 2016 which requires an update. BG Consultants reviewed the sanitary sewer system evaluation that was presented to the city in 2018. Brian Kingsley recommended both projects be added to KDHE intended use plan and begin applying for loan/grants, which does not commit the city to moving forward with the projects, just places the city on the list if funding becomes available. BG Consultants briefly touched on street repairs and park improvements.

Terry Gibson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to submit the intended use plan to KDHE for both water and sewer projects, begin the process of applying for loans/grants for both projects and hire BG Consultants to update the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the water system improvements, costing \$5,000. Motion carried 5-0

Following discussion on the HCH Highland Clinic, the consensus of the council was for Attorney Collins to draft a Proclamation showing support of the Highland Clinic in an effort to retain the clinic in town.

Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor

City Clerk