

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
July 30, 2020
9:30 A.M.**

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn and Water and Wastewater Superintendent Trevor Saunders

GUESTS PRESENT: Tracy Streeter and Jacob White, Burns & McDonnell Engineering; and Mark Rounds

PRESIDING: Mayor Charles Batchelder called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Jacob White and Tracy Streeter, Burns & McDonnell Engineering provided information about the firm, explained differences between water treatment plants - ion exchange and reverse osmosis, assisted council members on which plant is right for Highland through a series of Q & A, and goals for the project.

Water and Wastewater Superintendent Saunders asked for approval to purchase a water analysis report from Ned Marks, Terrane Resources Co., which will provide information on the water aquifers of the area, area wells (past & present) and other information to assist in the decision of providing quality water without construction of a treatment plant. Supt. Saunders explained the need for VFD (variable frequency drive) at the well pumps which will provide a better system overall. Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion authorizing \$500 for the purchase of the report from Ned Marks, Terrane Resources Co. regarding all area wells and nitrate infiltration into water aquifers. Motion carried 5-0

Discussion was had on the various water treatment options and the potential effects on the city's sanitary sewer system. The consensus of the council was to camera the approximate 30% of remaining sewer mains. Following further discussion, Rocky Ruhnke moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to hire a part-time individual in a salary range of \$10 to \$12 per hour to assist Supt. Saunders to finish the project. Motion carried 5-0

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to close Kirkwood Street from Main Street south to the alley at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight, August 14, 2020, as requested by Kirkwood & Co. Motion carried 5-0

Terry Gibson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:52 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor

City Clerk