

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
March 5, 2021  
1:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Greg Delzeit, Rocky Ruhnke and Terry Gibson

**COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:** Marty Allen and Dan Collins

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** City Attorney Ted Collins and City Clerk Joann Karn

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Brian Kingsley, BG Consultants; and Garrett Nordstrom, Governmental Assistance Services

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Charles Batchelder

Mayor Batchelder opened the special meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Following a review of the application/funding process and the upcoming timeline regarding the water treatment plant, Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion approving the contract with Western Consultants DBA Governmental Assistance Services for KDHE Administration Services for the City of Highland CDBG Water Treatment Plant System Improvements Project, services billed at \$125 per hour not to exceed \$8,500 for the administration. Motion carried 3-0

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion authorizing BG Consultants to begin the design work and land survey for the water treatment plant prior to finalizing the funding. Motion carried 3-0

Conversation was had on how well the funding came in for the treatment plant from CDBG, USDA and KDHE which greatly assists financially. Following plant completion, the drinking water will then be within the federal nitrate standards, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 mg/L. The city council and personnel will provide information to the citizens of the importance of the water treatment project and, in the future, will be reviewing the water rate structure.

Following review of the proposed amendments and changes to the 2020, 2021 and new 2022 federally funded CDBG program, the consensus was to explore available options for city street improvements. Brian Kingsley, BG Consultants, and Garrett Nordstrom, GAS, will assist in the process.

Terry Gibson moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA  
CITY OF HIGHLAND  
220 W. Main Street  
Highland, Kansas 66035  
March 5, 2021  
1:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order**
  
- II. Discussion/Action:**
  - a. Water Treatment Plant Project Updates**
  - b. Street Improvement Programs**
  - c. Federally Funded CDBG Programs**
  
- III. Adjournment**

**City of Highland  
220 West Main Street  
Highland, Kansas 66035**

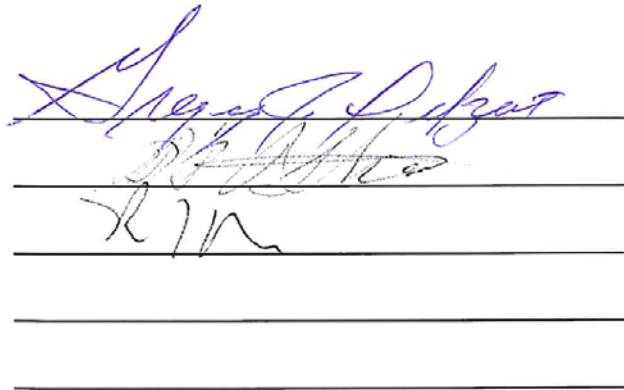
Request for Special Council Meeting:

Date: March 5, 2021

To: Charles Batchelder, Mayor of Highland, KS

We, the undersigned, council persons of the City of Highland, Kansas hereby respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the Council for the subject and purpose of: discussion and/or approval on the water treatment plant project updates; discussion and/or approval of available federally funded CDBG programs; street improvement programs.

Signed:

The signature block contains four horizontal lines. The top line has a blue ink signature that appears to be "Sharon L. Deane". The second line has a black ink signature that is partially obscured. The third and fourth lines have black ink initials, possibly "KJ" and "M", respectively.

Highland City Council