

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY HALL**  
**April 9, 2025**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terry Gibson, Marty Allen, Robert Ellerman, Tana Snyder, and Keith Edmonds attended via phone.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Attorney Andy Parker, City Clerk Joann Karn, Water/Sewer Supt. Trevor Saunders, Police Chief Dustin Winters, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Keebler

**GUESTS PRESENT:** April Heim, Farmers Union Midwest Agency; Bill Noll, Jill Denton, and Charles Preiss Jr.

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Charles Batchelder

Tana Snyder moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

Tana Snyder moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda: a) March 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes b) March 28, 2025 special meeting minutes c) claims list for March 13, 2025 through April 9, 2025. Motion carried 5-0

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

April Heim addressed the council regarding the water flow/ditch on and near their property. The city has been addressing the issue and with not reaching a resolution, Robert Ellerman moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to table the issue until further information can be gathered. Motion carried 5-0 Ms. Heim asked for this issue to be on the agenda until resolved.

**CONSIDER/APPROVAL:**

Terry Gibson moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Governmental Assistance Services for the LMI Survey. Motion carried 5-0

Marty Allen moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion to approve the purchase of 20 American nylon flags from Highland Hardware. Motion carried 5-0

Terry Gibson moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion to purchase 10 orange street cones from Highland Hardware. Motion carried 5-0

Robert Ellerman moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion to purchase up to 40' drainpipe for repairs on E Virginia from NEK Drainage Supply, costing approximately \$400. Motion carried 5-0

**DISCUSSION/OPEN ISSUES:**

- Attorney Parker reviewed the draft ordinance regarding animals in the city limits. Following discussion, Robert Ellerman moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion for Attorney Parker to amend the draft ordinance with the suggested changes and limit to dogs and cats. Motion carried 5-0
- Discussions are continuing with the school district and the college on the Highland Community Ball Park Upgrades & Agreement.
- Expecting to receive one more estimate on repairing the community building roof.
- The consensus of the council was not to contribute to DWHS National Business Professionals of America
- Police Chief Winters has reinspected the unsafe structures. Attorney Parker will provide a list for the council members.

**ORDINANCE:**

Tana Snyder moved and Robert Ellerman seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance #606 amending boundaries of zoning districts, changing the zoning classification of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and the West half of Lot 5, in Block 95 from B-2, Business General to C-B, Central Business district. Roll Call – Gibson-yes, Allen-yes, Ellerman-yes, Edmonds-yes, and Snyder-yes. Motion carried 5-0

**REPORTS:**

- Mayor Batchelder reported the bridge at North Kansas/Coronado is now one lane.
- Attorney Parker will be moving forward with the annexation of college and cemetery property.
- Clerk Karn added to the report Rep. Allen Reavis will attend the May 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- Chief Winters handed out his report. Winters asked to block the 100 block of N Kansas for Prom. Marty Allen moved and Tana Snyder seconded a motion to block the 100 block of N Kansas for Prom. Motion carried 5-0 Winters is contacting Heartland Business for a new office computer to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Chief Winters wishes to consider change in the dog ordinances which speak to dog species and eliminate the species and replace with vicious dogs.
- W/S Supt. Saunders stated the Street Committee approved purchase of two new skid steer tires. Saunders stated another company is competitive in price for the sewer sampling. A possible sewer back-up has been turned over to the city's insurance. Water leaks on S Ave are being repaired.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Robert Ellerman moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:13 p.m. for 10 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 Mayor asked City Attorney

Robert Ellerman moved and Marty Allen second a motion to release Dustin Winder from city employment at the earliest convenience.

Tana Snyder moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

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Mayor

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City Clerk