

Minutes from October 12, 2020

Present: Mayor Kris Semisch, President Bruce Proctor, Steve Schuetz, Regina Abbott, Geri Ebersohl, and Darcie Gomez. George Laidler represented Maintenance. Jerry Farthing was present for Police. Jennifer Braden was present for Code Enforcement/Public officer. In the audience: Gary Thornton, Christina Thornton, Cassie Herman, Ricky Abbott.

Mayor Semisch opened the meeting at 6:30.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2020 meeting and the minutes of the special meeting on September 21, 2020. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Passed 5-0. Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the bills with the comment that Connell and Connell still had a pending payment and she would like clarification on the \$2,168 that is different from the invoices we have received. Darcie directed Jodie to go through his assistant which should prevent any future billings. Discussed was also the South-Central Sealing's bill and it was decided to pay it and move on. Gary Taylor's billings are to be included in the packet for everyone to see not just listed and submitted with the bills. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Community/Citizen recognition:

Bruce Proctor made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-2020. Darcie Gomez 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Gary Thornton was recognized for all his years of service to the community he lived in. He was presented with a framed copy of the Resolution.

Agenda:

(a) Cassie Herman discussed her fence permit for the property at 427 W. North St. She is wanting to replace the existing fence with the same height, could be a tad lower due to placement closer to the ground. She is considering using a metal like material that is nicer than the wood but would depend on the cost. Steve said the fence cannot encroach any closer to the street. She plans to use the same post currently in the ground and she will keep the fence where it is. Regina Abbott made a motion to approve the fence permit with the stipulation that the rough side is in and it is replaced by sections or all at one time and done by Aug. 1, 2021. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. The Mayor explained to Cassie that if she went with the metal fencing then she needs to come and update the permit.

(b) Scott Reynolds fence: will be done under the Code enforcement report.

Old Business:

The ordinance for mobile homes needs to still be looked at and discussed at the work session.

Order of Violations:

Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the order of violations as presented. Bruce Proctor 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearings:

none

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report:

More quotes are needed for the truck lights and running boards. Jodie is to try Truck Stuff, Continental Fiberglass, and Traffic Control Systems. On the Alternative Electric, #10 needs to read that we always get an estimate of cost before the work is started. Steve said that needs changed since Alternative isn't aware of our plans or our budget. Butch reported that the Well was repaired today, and they will flush them out and get them on the following morning.

Clerks Report:

Geri asked how Tammy Holt did with the serving of the Resolution and Jodie said Tammy was fine; it went well. Jodie reported that Tanner Young has been in and asked for copies of everything he has returned. She explained that Tanner wants a copy of the whole Ordinance and she explained she would set aside a convenient time for him to come in and make the copies himself or he could get them online. This is all within the guides of the KORA. Jodie stated the food boxes will happen every Thursday in the month of October. Monday, Jodie will attend training for the NCIC at the Sheriff's dept. 1 warrant has been served. Jodie explained about the Truck Route signs for streets were allowed. If we were to be able to have an ordinance that establishes a truck route we might be able to just have signs saying "trucks allowed" on the few roads instead of having to put "no trucks allowed" on all the roads. This would save the City a considerable amount of money. Jodie called the League of Municipalities and is waiting for an answer. Steve and Bruce want the quote for the roads.

Courts Report:

Geri Ebersohl felt that court went well. She said she was very impressed with the judge during court. Jodie said there were quite a few yard violations for court, and it went well but it was rough.

Law Report:

Geri Ebersohl made a motion to get cameras in one of the police cars along with the camera system in the amount of \$7,500. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Chief Farthing said he would like to have Collin Gold come back. He was let go earlier in the year but feels it would be a good time to ask if he would like to come back. Steve Schuetz made a motion to allow Chief to extend the offer of Collin being a Reserve. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Chief said he will be serving the warrants on Friday. The Mayor asked if they were all going to be served and Chief said they will start on them, but some will have to wait until they can locate some of them.

Code Enforcement/Public Officer report:

Council asked about Jerry Boman's place and Jennifer said she has been in communication with him. He had some difficulty, but he said he will show significant progress in the next week. Jennifer said she told him if in 7 days there wasn't anything done, she would have to give him a ticket and he said he understood. Jennifer presented for Scott Reynolds. He started to put his fence up with the rough side out on the south side of the property. Dale Wells called to say he was fine with the fence the way it was because it looks like a completion of the fence Dale Wells has on the other 2 sides of his fence already. Darcie Gomez made a motion to allow the fence to remain as it is on the south side and the other sides must be done as the ordinance states with the rough side facing in. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Steve wants it added on the permit that all fences shall be constructed with the finished side facing outward from the property. The posts and support beams shall be on the inside or shall be designed as an integral part of the finished surface.

Mayor:

The Mayor reminded everyone of the work session on Monday the 19th at 6:00p.m. The Mayor presented the Code of Ethics, Discipline Policy, and the Mission Statement. She said she has asked about this many times and would like everyone to look over them and they would be discussed at the work session. Darcie asked that in the Code of Ethics it be added that the Council need to be in compliance with the City Codes. Mayor Semisch reported that Mr. Gomez art class came in and interviewed for the City for flag ideas. They had previously been asked to come up with some designs to help make a City flag. They will present their ideas at a later date after they compile all the information they received.

Council:

Steve said the City should ask the County about inspections for utilities with Evergy and Kansas Gas. He suggested the Mayor call the County to see if the County could do the inspections and the city could set the inspection fee for the amount the County charges and just send it to the County. The Mayor will call. Steve wants to talk about making a thru road from the dog pound to the lagoons. Steve will take the Mayor by there sometime to show her what he is talking about. Steve asked if gravel could be purchased out of sewer funds.

Regina Abbott made a motion to adjourn. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.