

Minutes from January 3, 2022

Present: Mayor Semisch, Councilmembers Steve Schuetz, Regina Abbott, and Bruce Proctor  
Absent were Councilmember Geri Ebersohl, and Darcie Gomez. George Laidler was present for Maintenance. Steve Howard was present for the Police. In the audience: Brian Lewis, Melissa Donham, Kyle Hrabe, Sarah Madden, Kyle Madden, Tanner Young, and Chris Semisch.

Mayor Semisch opened the meeting at 6:30

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 6, 2021 with the change of that last month's minutes approval to show November 8, 2021 not December 6, 2021. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 3-0. Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve the bills. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 3-0.

**Attorney:**

The Mayor moved the executive session in the attorney's portion to the Mayor's section. The Mayor excused the attorney from being present.

**PRIDE COMMITTEE:**

Melissa Donham and Kyle Hrabe spoke about the things the Pride committee has been doing. They served 25 seniors with senior Christmas baskets, 30 families with food and 86 kids with presents from the angel tree. The Christmas tree lighting was fun, and the Harvest Home Festival is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> this year and they said they are looking forward to working with the school on this HHF.

**Old Business:**

**None**

**Agenda:**

(a) Velocity-due to a misunderstanding of telling the citizens they had to have a permit placed poles without a permit. Sarah Madden did apologize and let the council know they will send out a crew to reevaluate the placement and will schedule the poles to move or be taken out completely. The council gave Sarah no time limit but told her to have it done in a reasonable time.

(b) Brian Lewis-was wanting trash service stopped at his house and he would drive to the landfill. Steve Schuetz made a motion to put Brian on a payment arrangement for 6 months with the understanding if he fails to keep it his services will be disconnected. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

(c) Tanner Young-visited with the council about his plan to cut up and remove his tires and get his vehicles fixed. Bruce Proctor made a motion to give Tanner an extension until March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to get the majority of the tires gone. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

(d) Connie Shaffer-did not show up but was concerned about the senior housing. Council said if she doesn't live in the senior housing she doesn't need to worry.

**Order of Violations:**

None at this time but door knockers will be sent soon.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

**Permit Approvals:**

None at this time

**Staff Reports:**

**Maintenance Report:**

Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the bid from Cody Busenitz for the backflow preventor device in the amount of \$1,569.36. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0. Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve the bid from Key Equipment & Supply Co. in the amount of \$544.45 for sewer machine attachments. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0. Steve made a motion to send Rural Water District # 6 the bill from March 2021 when the maintenance department helped prepare to fix a leak. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0. Steve said to ask Max Griffin about the fire hydrant on East Mechanic St. and Main St. it has been leaning since it was put in and to ask about the repair time for the hydrant at Central St. and Main St.

**Clerks Report:**

Council reviewed the beginning of the year letters and agreed to have them sent out.

**Courts Report:** Court went well this month.

**Law Report/ Code Enforcement:** Chief Howard gave the report, and everything is going as expected. He said there was a staff meeting at the end of the last year and a policy and procedure set up for expectations and discipline actions if necessary.

**Mayor:**

Steve Schuetz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-01 pertaining to the Kansas Gas Service franchise fee. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-02 pertaining to the amending of annexation of Mill Rd. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to go into executive session for personnel for 30 minutes. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive session started at 7:50pm

Executive session ended at 8:20pm

Bruce Proctor made a motion to go into executive session for personnel for 10 minutes. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive session started at 8:20pm

Executive session ended at 8:30pm

Executive session action taken:

Regina Abbott made a motion to let Nick Bready resume duties from his leave he took on 11/1/2021 with the understanding he must provide a note from a doctor saying he is released for employment. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to approve two (2) twenty-five cent (\$0.25) raises over the course of two (2) years while Dylan Chilcott is enrolled in the apprentice program thru KRWA for water certification. Steve Schuetz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to give Jodie Laidler a \$1.00 increase in hourly rate. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Proctor made a motion to give George Laidler a \$1.00 increase in hourly rate due to the fact he now has his Water certification is the official Water Operator per KDHE for the City of Leon. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to meet with the Mayor and Bruce Proctor to give Bruce Tatum notice and thank him for his service to the community. Bruce Proctor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

**Council:**

Steve said he read over what other city's do to pay council and Mayor but he doesn't feel comfortable with it. Everyone agreed.

**Open Forum:**

No one

Steve Schuetz made a motion to adjourn. Regina Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.