

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held August 7, 2017, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, Tonya Kuhn, John Bisnette, and Devin Renken. Also in attendance: Terry Gradig, Bruce Berkley, Ron Duran, Vickie Oviatt, Kelli Hennes, Jane VanDonge, Evan Joy, Ces Reinert, Duane Miller, Kathy Miller, Edgar Reinert, Darren Stokes, Richard Boxum, Eric Rose, and Sheldon Remus.

Mayor Brush called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

John C. moved, seconded by Devin to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 regular meeting. Carried.

Tonya moved, seconded by John B., to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 special meeting. Carried.

Ces Reinert was present to welcome the council to attend a "Strategic Doing" open community meeting of the Osborne County Community Foundation. The meeting will be held at the Osborne United Christian Church, Monday, August 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is an invitation to look at issues within the county and identify top priority projects for The Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Kelli Hennes, Assistant Pool Manager, presented a written pool report prepared by the pool manager, Josh Arnoldy. Kelli reviewed the list of attendance records, admission statistics, highlights of the year, and recommendations for next year. The pool will close for the season on August 12. Kelli added her own concerns regarding the wages set for lifeguards, and painting that is yet to be completed.

Deputy Darren Stokes presented the law enforcement report of activities for the period of July 1, 2017 – August 1, 2017.

Terry reported on code enforcement activity. He had sent a mowing letter to owners of 1309 Morgan for tall weeds. He will check on the trash build up at 607 Division.

Bruce asked council for guidance on proceeding with the nuisance vehicles. Council agreed another letter should be sent. Council requested that a listing of the vehicles be provided.

Animal Control Officer, Ron Duran, presented his written report of activity. He had followed up on the complaints received from 1015 Delay.

City Superintendent reported they had repaired a water leak at the intersection of Division and Ingalls. They have 24 blocks sealed, with enough oil to do a couple on Commercial. John Hutson's last day was Friday, August 4. Terry presented a cost estimate to replace a portion of First Street (Railroad to Delay) which has deteriorated. Material was estimated at \$26,239.00. There was no action taken.

Terry reported that fire hydrants have been flushed for the year. Terry had spoken with KDHE concerning the GAC building. Wilson and Co. will review the GAC Agreement concerning the 5,000/gal. tanks to be removed.

City Clerk presented a Thank You note from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the council for waiving the pool party fees in July.

John Cary, Assistant Fire Chief, reported on compensation received from the four townships. The department provides fire-fighting services to the townships of Corinth, Ross, Lincoln, and Erving. A recent response from the Kansas Fire Marshall's office was that over 60% of the calls are rural calls. The townships are contributing 20.53% of the city's current budget of \$28,000.00. The department requested a 2-mil contribution from townships for 2018.

Council was in agreement to accept the Lions Club's offer to replace the plywood back stop at the tennis courts which has deteriorated. It was determined that it is still needed and city crew will maintain.

Devin moved, seconded by Teri, to waive the memorial hall fees for the Downs Arts Council Young Adult program, August 29 – September 3, 2017. Carried.

Ordinance #980 was presented, amending zoning. Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to pass Ordinance #980. Carried.

Ordinance #981 was introduced, incorporating the 2017 edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance by reference. John B. moved, seconded by Tonya, to pass Ordinance #981. Carried.

Ordinance #982 was introduced, incorporating the 2017 edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code by reference. John B. moved, seconded by Devin to pass Ordinance #982. Carried.

Bruce reported on Unsafe Structures. He had visited with the owners of property at 910 Osborne. Progress is being made and the trailers will be removed. Council advised that the cleanup should be completed before winter.

Tonya moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the law enforcement contract for 2018 with corrected dates on the contract. Carried.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Brush opened the Budget Hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of advalorem tax. Council had published the estimated tax rate for the 2018 budget at 77.952.

Edgar Reinert was present and voiced concern for the firemen's request for a 2-mil compensation from Ross Township. Kathy Miller also commented on annexation and questioned the firemen's request. John C. reviewed the department's decision to request an update to the townships contributing share. Eric Rose commented regarding the amount of the law enforcement contract, stating the \$82,500.00 the city pays for law enforcement is too much for the amount of coverage. Richard Boxum commented on the amount of additional city sales tax received and the increase in tax received from annexation. There was discussion. Following comment time, at 6:45 p.m., Mayor Brush declared the hearing closed.

Devin commented that he did not see how an additional 2 mils would benefit, and suggested taking the larger projects to a public vote. Bruce discussed the state imposed tax cap.

Sheldon Remus was present to discuss his septic system at his rental house. The septic system has to be pumped out once a month. He asked what the situation is to get hooked up to sewer. Council explained there is no time frame for installing the sewer line north of the

highway, it is something they are working toward. Council had offered to pay for half of the cost of the septic system.

During council reports, Tonya reported that she and the mayor had contacted the county attorney to discuss the juvenile case. He was working on the case. Also, there were three persons charged with the burglaries at the swimming pool.

Vouchers and payrolls were reviewed and signed. Devin moved, seconded by John B., to approve the vouchers and payrolls as presented. Carried.

Concerning the budget, John C. moved to adopt the 2018 budget as published. John B. seconded the motion. John C., John B., Teri, Tonya – Yes; Devin – No. Motion carried.

At 7:31 p.m., John C. moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for employee review with the council, mayor, and city superintendent present for 15 minutes. Devin seconded the motion. Carried.

(remaining minutes were taken by Jennifer Brush)

7:47 Regular session resumed. John Cary made a motion to move back into exec session with council, mayor, and Kyle Alflen for 15 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel and employee review. Tonya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7:56 Regular session resumed. John Cary made a motion to move back into exec session with council, mayor, and Kent Sullivan for 15 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel and employee review. Devin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8:11 Regular session resumed. John Cary made a motion to move back into exec session with council, mayor, and Kent Sullivan for 20 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel and employee review. Teri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8:32 Regular session resumed. John Cary made a motion to move back into exec session with council, mayor, and Kent Sullivan for 10 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel and employee review. Devin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8:42 Regular session resumed. No action was taken.

8:46 John Cary made a motion to adjourn. Devin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Brush, Mayor

Vickie Oviatt, Clerk

