

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute. Council members present were Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, John Cordill. Council not present were Devin Renken and Heather Hancock. Others present were Eric Rose, Mike White, Harry Colburn, Miranda Robinson, and Bruce Berkley.

Charlie moved to approve regular meeting minutes from May 16, 2022, Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Eric Rose requested to appear before the council concerning an Ordinance code. He requested the council reconsider the amount of dogs per residence that is allowed. Council thanked him for his input and they would consider this moving forward.

Code Enforcement had sent four certified letters but three came back undeliverable. The crew has mowed several yards and will add the fees to taxes.

The City Attorney stated the council needs to start working on budget items as there is a new timeline.

Harry Colburn reported he has ordered brine salt for the water treatment plant, the last order was December of 2021. Colburn also reported the City passed the lagoon test for the 5th time.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn reported that he received a quote for the pool concrete repair and discussion was held on writing a grant for the funds. Colburn wants to remind the public that the tree/compost pile is state regulated and certain items such as metal, plastic, household trash, wire, and concrete are not to be put there. Colburn is working on getting bids for generators to apply for grant money.

The City Clerk reported that the yearly ad in the homecoming addition needed to be turned in by this coming Friday. There was a bid to replace the clinic floor in the utility room from Ellenz of Tipton. Council stated we need to get bids for replacing the subfloor first.

The clinic lease was reviewed and returned signed by Beloit Medical Center.

Joyce moved to have the Mayor sign the lease with the clinic effective June 30, 2022 to June 30 2023, John seconded. Motion carried.

The park and rec committee submitted a request to add a member. Also the Downs Chamber requested that barricades be placed to close off streets for celebration June 15, 16, and 17 as in the past.

Joyce moved to place barricades on railroad street from Morgan to Kansas Street and also on 3rd street from Commercial to Railroad during Celebration June 15-17. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

The Fire Department reported they purchased tools using the OCCF grant funds. They are also going to meet with fire district #4 concerning the yearly contract.

Mayor Janis appointed Chandra Doane to the Parks and Rec Committee.

Joyce moved to approve the mayor's appointment. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to approve special use permits #22-33 to 22-34; Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

John moved to approve building permit #22-13; Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

In Old Business, the council discussed the invoice from SMC Concrete. Bruce had spoken with Skyler Wise concerning this matter. Joyce moved to pay the SMC Concrete invoice in the amount of \$4,944; John seconded. Motion carried.

Council discussed the purchase of a utility line locator for the city. Joyce moved to purchase a utility line locating system from Ditch Witch; Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce moved to approve vouchers and payroll as presented, Charlie seconded. Motion carried


Joyce moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel with council, mayor and Mike White. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

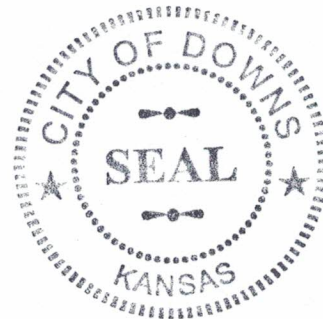
Regular meeting resumed at 7:19 p.m.


At 7:30 p.m. Joyce moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel with council and mayor, John seconded. Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:45 pm.

Joyce moved to adjourn, John second. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:

Miranda Robinson, City Clerk