

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 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, Devin Renken, Joyce Hake, and John Cordill. Council not present was Heather Hankcock. Others present were Kip and Mary Thorson, Collin Jones, Joel Hardy, Harry Colburn, Miranda Robinson, and Bruce Berkley.

Joyce moved to approve regular meeting minutes from July 5, 2022 seconded by Devin. Carried.

Kip and Mary Thorson were present to ask council for a leak policy adjustment due to a large leak they had in the middle of a billing cycle. Council asked the Clerk to get that figure and have it ready to be signed.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn reported that the crew has chip sealed eight streets and plan to finish four more by the end of the week.

The City Clerk reported that a color needs to be decided on for the state building's roof. A new screen door for the office can be ordered and will be around \$600. Joyce moved to order the door from Miller Hardware, Charlie seconded. Motion carried. A letter was presented to the council asking to donate water for the community picnic August 21. John moved to donate 8 cases of water, Devin seconded. Motion passed.

Joel Hardy and Collin Jones were present on behalf of the Downs Volunteer Fire Department to ask council if they would consider matching funds that they received from Osborne County Commissioners ARPA funds to purchase new bunker gear. The fire department needs to replace 20 sets and they cost around \$2,000 per set.

In new business, employee applications were reviewed by the council for the open assistant position and the maintenance position. Council discussed having a special meeting for interviewing applicants later in the week.

Joyce moved to approve special use permits 22-37 and 22-38; Devin seconded. Carried.

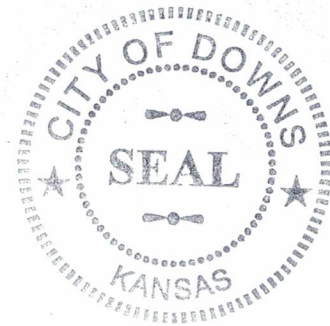
In old business, the 2023 budget was discussed as the council was presented with a new draft copy. A resolution was presented to council as a to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and a hearing date was set. Joyce moved to adopt Resolution 2022-01, John seconded. Motion carried. Council decided to hold the RNR Hearing and the Budget hearing at the first meeting in September.

Council discussed some city code changes to consider when reviewing the draft copy of the new code.

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

Charlie moved to adjourn, John second. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Vienna Janis  
Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:  
Miranda Robinson  
Miranda Robinson, City Clerk