

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute. Council members present: John Cordill, Charlie Stevens, and Devin Renken. Council not present: Joyce Hake and Heather Hancock. Others present: Collin Jones, Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

John moved, Devin seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from December 4, 2023. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Harry Colburn reported on court cases that are moving to trial in January.

Water and Sewer Harry Colburn reported that he received a case of meters and put in four that needed to be replaced.

Colburn asked to waive fees for the use of Memorial Hall to host a KDHE water class through Midwest Assistance Program on January 10, 2024. Colburn will have Mike and Blake attend this course which will count towards education points. Devin moved, Charlie seconded, to waive the fees at the Memorial Hall on January 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Colburn stated there is a meeting on January 18, 2024 in Smith Center that he wants to send Mike and Blake. This course will count towards education points. There is no cost for them to attend and they will take a city truck.

Colburn stated he asked for bids from different companies to spray weeds at the lagoons and possibly get the parks done as well.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn reported three more street signs stolen. Colburn stated he had Ryan Goheen, Prairieland Electric, place LED lights in the street lights on the south side of the Memorial Hall. He also reported that the Bobcat driver's door is all glass and it was shattered, he has been in contact with the company and they are trying to find a replacement but they are all on backorder.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported that through House Bill 2302 the state has given municipalities the ability to apply for a state grant to help pay off the Kansas Water Supply Revolving Loan and the Kansas Water Pollution Supply Revolving Loan.

She asked if the council would authorize her to apply for those funds to pay off water loan 2388 in the amount of \$59,373.34, and also to apply for the pay off of the sewer project C20 1484-01 in the amount of \$417,752.23. Devin moved, John seconded, to allow the city clerk to apply for those grants through the state of Kansas. Motion carried.

Robinson received word that Dane G. Hansen Foundation awarded the city \$20,000 towards the pool resurfacing project. Clerk had also applied to Sarver and McFadden

Charitable Trusts as well but no word yet. Devin moved, Charlie seconded, to accept the Dane G. Hansen grant for \$20,000 for the pool resurfacing project. Lastly, the clerk stated she placed the latest financial report in the packets.

The Fire Department voted at their last meeting to add Jordan Schroeder to the Downs Volunteer Fire Dept. John moved, Devin seconded to add Jordan Schroeder to the Downs Fire Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

In new business, the Downs Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that they recodify the zoning and hire Marvin Planning Consultants to work on this.

John moved, Devin seconded, to hire Marvin Planning Consultants to do the recodification of the zoning and comprehensive plan. Motion carried.

Devin moved, John seconded, to approve building permit 2023-21 for Brady Schoen. Motion carried.

Devin moved, Charlie seconded, to approve cereal malt beverage license 2024-03 for Bob's Inc. Motion carried.

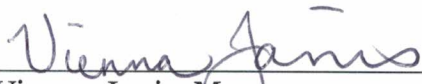
Devin moved, John seconded, to approve contractor licenses 2024-16 to 2024-23. Motion carried.

John moved, Charlie seconded, to approve special use permits 2024-10 and 2024-11. Motion carried.

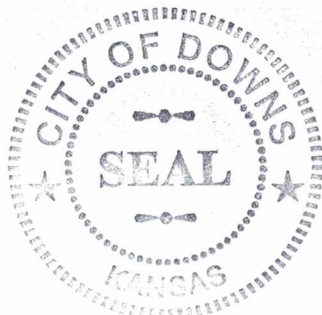
Devin moved, John seconded, approved to pay \$425 for full-time employees and \$250 for part-time and the new employee in Downs Chamber Dollars. Motion carried.

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

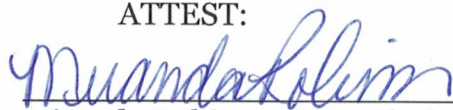
Devin moved, John seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk