

Downs City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: John Cordill, Heather Hancock, Devin Renken, Collin Jones, and John Bisnette (via video). Others present: Bruce Berkley, Blake Regnier, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

John C. moved, Collin seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from February 5, 2024. Motion carried. Heather abstained.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson asked the council if she could start advertising for summer help. Council agreed. She updated the council that she has received 3 applications for lifeguards and they have been enrolled in a certification course. Robinson reported she has been in contact with Sheri Naasz with Cushing Insurance concerning EMC Insurance notice that the wind/hail deductible was increasing. Sheri plans to be at a council meeting in March or April to go over the annual coverage as well.

Heather moved, John C. seconded, to make a donation in Charlie Stevens' name for \$50 to the memorial of his family choosing from the City of Downs. Motion carried. 5 ayes.

Collin Jones on behalf of the Fire Department presented council with the recovery rope and lights the department would like to purchase. Heather moved, John B. seconded, to allow the fire department to purchase one kinetic rope with accessories and to purchase exterior and interior lights for the building; not to exceed \$3,000. 4 ayes; Devin abstained.

John B. moved, Collin seconded, to approve contractor's license 2024-33. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Heather moved, Devin seconded, to donate \$100 in Downs Chamber dollars to the Lakeside High School After Prom. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Devin moved, Heather seconded, to approve special use permits 2024-16 and 2024-17. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Building permit 2024-1 was tabled until the zoning issue can be looked at.

Mayor Janis stated that the Waconda USD 272 superintendent Jesse Janssen has been in contact with Harry Colburn concerning cold mix that they are wanting to use for repairs on the track.

At 6:01 p.m. Heather moved, Devin seconded, to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with Council, Mayor, City Attorney. Motion carried with 5 ayes. The open meeting will resume in the City Hall at 6:16 p.m.

At 6:18 p.m. John C. moved, Devin seconded, to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with Council, Mayor, City Attorney. Motion carried with 5 ayes. The open meeting will resume in the City Hall at 6:28 p.m.

Heather moved, John C. seconded, to terminate Blake Regnier effective immediately with 2 weeks severance pay. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 nay.

Devin moved, John C. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

John B. moved, John C. seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Vienna Janis
Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:

Miranda Robinson
Miranda Robinson, City Clerk