

Downs City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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: Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, John Cordill, Devin Renken and Heather Hancock. Others present: Sherry Knouf, Bruce Berkley, Billy Matlock, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Joyce moved, Devin seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from August 21, 2023. Motion carried.

Librarian Sherry Knouf gave her monthly report to the council. She stated that in October the library will have a Halloween party for kids and in November a book tea. Knouf plans on having two more movies this year for the kids.

Code Enforcement Officer Harry Colburn reported he left a couple notices on houses for nuisance yards and one letter has been sent due to lack of response.

City Attorney Bruce Berkley reported he looked into dogs and underground fences. He suggested the council look into more detailed ordinances or code.


In the water report, Harry Colburn stated there are three manual read meters left to be replaced and one will be replaced tomorrow. Next week they will start on Division Street and will have to bore under the street to replace a lead line. Then they will do the same in two locations on Delay Street. Once those are complete they will start to work on removing meters still in basements. In the sewer report, Colburn stated the lagoons passed the last testing. He is still waiting on Cummins for parts on the lift station generator. He may have to contact Kingsbury to come out and pump if they don't arrive in the next couple days.

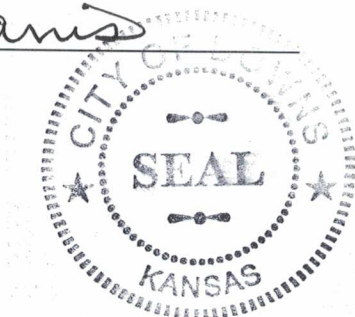
The City Superintendent Colburn reminded the council that the fall city wide clean up will be September 8-12. Colburn stated he was approached by the Lakeside Booster Club as they want to put up black and silver flags on home game days. Council consensus is to allow them to do so.

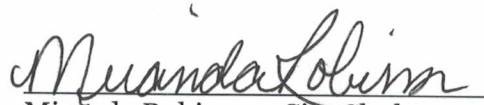
City Clerk Miranda Robinson told council a representative from Tnenmec will be here Wednesday to look at the pool. He would then make recommendations for resurfacing which will help the city get bids when applying for a grant. Also Robinson is waiting on a quote from Nex-Tech on cameras.

At 5:53 p.m. Joyce moved, Heather seconded, to go into executive session with Council, Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk and Billy Matlock to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes. Motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 6:09 p.m. Joyce moved, John seconded, to offer employment to Billy Matlock as Animal Control Officer. Motion carried. Billy Matlock accepted the position.

Devin moved, John seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried. Heather moved, Joyce seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Vienna Janis, Mayor




Miranda Robinson, City Clerk