

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. John Cordill, Council President, called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute. Council members present: Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, Devin Renken and Heather Hancock. Others present: Jerilynn Lee, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Devin moved, seconded by Heather to approve regular meeting minutes from February 21, 2023. Motion carried.

Jerilynn Lee was present on behalf of the Downs Lions Club to ask council to waive fees for their White Elephant Sale on April 14 at the Memorial Hall. Lee stated the event will begin at 7 p.m. and if anyone wants to donate they can drop off items at the Memorial Hall after 10 a.m. April 14. Joyce moved, seconded by John, to waive the fees for the Lions Club to use the Memorial Hall on April 14, 2023. Motion carried.

Harry Colburn, Code Enforcement, stated he would check in with the city attorney on an on-going case as nothing has been done to clean up the property.

In the water report, Colburn reported he got a hold of a company to come in and do a line stop at the corner of Second and Division. The stop will allow the crew to put in a valve and hydrant without turning water off to half the town. Colburn stated it's not an emergency situation but would like to get it fixed once it's warmer. Colburn brought up fluoride in the city water as most places have done away with fluoride. The council requested Colburn to get written recommendations from KDHE concerning this before they made a decision.

There have been a few water leaks this past week with one being at the Vet clinic. The city and its insurance are working with the Clinic and their insurance on this matter. The other leak was at the corner of Grant and Second St. They were able to find and fix the leak but found another and fixed it as well.

In the sewer report, Colburn reported that the City is no longer on KDHE watchlist for the lagoons. Colburn stated he needs to order odor and enzyme chemicals for the lagoons. Heather moved, seconded by Devin, to allow the city superintendent to order the chemicals not to exceed \$1212. Motion carried.

Harry Colburn, City Superintendent, reported that he checked in with a company recommended by Council member Heather Hancock concerning a grapple fork for the skid steer. Joyce moved, seconded by Charlie, to purchase a grapple fork attachment and to be paid out of the city reserve equipment fund. Carried.

Colburn and council member John Cordill attended the Osborne County Commissioners meeting last week to ask them if they would waive the landfills fees for the City during the Spring Cleanup. Commissioners approved to waive the fees at the landfill for the City Wide Cleanup. Colburn will work with R&R Refuse as they provide dumpsters and transport.

Colburn presented the council with two bids on new tires for his truck. J & S Auto bid \$642 for four tires and Bob's Inc was \$788. Heather moved, seconded by John to approve the purchase of 4 tires from J & S Auto for \$642. Joyce abstained. Motion carried.

Mike White will go to the Van Diest Company mosquito sprayer calibration course April 5 in Salina. This course is now mandatory for machines each year.

Miranda Robinson, City Clerk, reported that she spoke with the CPA's and Scot will be at the first meeting in May to review the audit with Council. Council should also start thinking about the 2024 Budget as some funds may need to be added to. Advertisements are still out for lifeguards and summer help now with a deadline of April 1, 2023 for return. This will give council time to hire and lifeguards to get their certification courses taken.

Joyce moved, seconded by Heather, to approve building permit 23-04 & 23-05. Motion carried.


Joyce moved, seconded by Devin to approve building permit 23-06 contingent on the signing of an agreement with the City of Downs. Motion carried.

Devin moved, seconded by John, to approve special use permits #23-25 to 23-29. Motion carried.

Heather moved, seconded by Devin, to approve contractor's licenses 23-30 and 23-31. Motion carried.

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

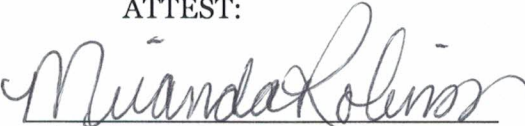
Joyce moved, seconded by John, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk