

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council president John Cordill called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute. Council members present were Charlie Stevens, Devin Renken, Joyce Hake, and Heather Hancock. Others present were Doug Lantz, Lucas Allen, Sherry Knouf, Harry Colburn, Miranda Robinson, and Bruce Berkley.

Devin moved to approve regular meeting minutes from August 1, 2022 seconded by Joyce. Carried. Charlie abstained.

Librarian Sherry Knouf presented council with the latest attendance and financials for the library. Summer reading was a big hit as they had a high number of kids who attended. Knouf thanked the council for waiving the fees for the pool party.

Doug Lantz and Lucas Allen with Scoular Grain were present to let council know of their plan to build an overhead conveyor system that will bring grain from the storage bunkers to the main elevator to make the train loading process easier. This conveyor will be built above Commercial Street and create less truck traffic. City Attorney, Bruce Berkley, stated he wanted to check into what the city would be liable for in case the conveyor system falls. Council told Lantz and Allen to bring a building permit in before the next meeting.

City Attorney Berkley stated that Nextech wants the City to revise their franchise fee agreement to change the fee amount. He would bring more information to the next meeting.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn reported that the pool was drained and cleaned this last week. There are some plumbing issues that were found and will be replaced after valves and pipes from Core & Main can be purchased. Joyce moved to allow Harry to purchase parts to fix the plumbing at the pool house not to exceed \$6,000. Devin seconded the motion. Carried. Colburn also stated when there is cooler weather they will get into the sand filter to remove old sand and check the rock underneath. If it needs to be replaced they will do so.

Colburn reported that they have chip sealed 18 street blocks and have one tank of oil left to do a few more. Also the tractor that was put up for auction brought in \$17,300 and the old state truck brought in \$2,850. Colburn and Berkley have been working on getting a permit to be able to bore under highway 181 to connect city water to Danny Renken's new building.

Carl Warner entered the meeting. He came to council to ask for the use of electricity from the old state building at the Roadside Park for the upcoming community picnic. Council agreed and Colburn will help him get it set up that morning.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported that Jaqui Frasier started working in the office last week and has been catching on quickly. Heather moved to hire Jaqui Frasier as Assistant Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk at \$12.50 an hour, Charlie seconded. Motion passed. Devin abstained.

The Clerk asked the council to make a motion to take Val Davis off the bank accounts and add Jaqui Frasier to them.

Devin moved, Joyce seconded to remove Valerie Davis from the State Bank of Downs accounts and the Guaranty State Bank account. Motion carried.

Devin moved, Joyce seconded to add Jaqui Frasier to the State Bank of Downs accounts and the Guaranty State bank account. Motion carried.

Council was presented with two quotes to replace the computers in the office. The quotes were from Nextech and included microsoft and setup by a tech. Council asked for more information and tabled the decision until the next meeting.

Lakeside Booster club is wanting to borrow 4 metal picnic tables for football season tailgates. Council agreed to let them borrow tables and the city crew members will drop them off at the school before the first home game.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 6 due to the holiday. The City's revenue neutral rate hearing and budget hearing will start at 6 p.m. that evening.

The Fire Department reported that a couple of the volunteers went to Wichita recently for more training to keep up to date with new information.

Heather moved, Devin seconded, to approve building permit 22-19 for Paul Brohman and 22-20 for Harry Colburn. Motion passed.

Joyce moved, Charlie seconded to approve special use permit #22-40 and #22-41. Motion carried.

Council was presented with Resolution 2022-03 to adopt the Kansas homeland security region F hazard mitigation plan. Heather moved, Devin seconded to authorize the mayor to sign Resolution #2022-03. Motion carried.

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

Joyce moved to adjourn, John second. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk