

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 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: Joyce Hake, Devin Renken, John Cordill and Heather Hancock. Council not present: Charlie Stevens. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Joyce moved, seconded by Heather, to approve regular meeting minutes from July 3, 2023. Motion carried. Devin abstained.

Code Enforcement officer Harry Colburn reported to the council that they had mowed 3 abandoned properties and he left a message for one property owner for a nuisance lawn on Delay Street.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn reported to council that the Bobcat is down again with the same issue as before. A mechanic is supposed to be up to fix it next week. Colburn also reported that the crew chip sealed Osborne Street from Clark to Second Street and the sand rock seems to be holding up well. The crew will continue on with the rest of the streets as weather permits. Colburn stated that he was watching a newer packer on purple wave auction and was asking to make a bid on that up to \$4,000. Council stated that since the bidding ends after the next meeting they will discuss it more then depending on the price it's at. Colburn reported to the council that Billy Matlock started on July 7 and things seem to be going well.

John Cordill entered the meeting.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported that there will be nothing harvested from the city land therefore no grain sales this year. She presented to council a few updated forms for Marie Thomas Trust funds application, Sypulski Trust funds application and peddler license application. Clerk Robinson stated she has started looking into the Kansas HAT (Housing Assessment Tool) and how to go about getting that completed. This needs to be done to help with grants/funding for housing in town. Clerk Robinson requested that the council send her to the LKM Conference from October 7-9 in Wichita covering costs. Joyce moved, John seconded, to allow Miranda Robinson to attend the LKM Conference in Wichita October 7-9 paying for registration, motel, meals, and mileage. Motion carried.

In new business, Downs Enterprises members Joni Heiland, Tim Brush, Doug Brush, and Jim Griffith presented an updated project list to council.

Heather moved, Devin seconded, to approve building permit #23-12 for Brady and Crystal Cline. Motion carried.

Joyce moved, Devin seconded, to adopt ordinance 1014 updating the Uniform Public Offense Code. Motion carried. Joyce moved, Heather seconded, to adopt ordinance 1015 updating the Standard Traffic Ordinance. Motion carried.

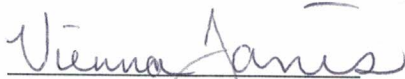
In old business, the council decided to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the 2024 Budget. They also set the revenue neutral rate and 2024 budget hearings for August 21, 2023 giving enough time for publication of the notice.

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

At 6:46 p.m. Devin moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with council, mayor, and city attorney. Joyce Seconded; Motion carried.


The regular meeting resumed at 7:03 p.m.

Joyce moved, seconded by Devin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.


Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:


Miranda Robinson, City Clerk