

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: Devin Renken, John Bisnette, Collin Jones, and John Cordill. Not present: Heather Hancock. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

John B. moved, John C. seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from February 20, 2024. 4 ayes carried the motion.

In the water and sewer report, Harry Colburn stated that the load of brine salt he ordered should be in this week. He also reported that the sixty water meters that were ordered in August 2023 finally came in. Colburn requested that council use Kingsbury Septic for sewer jetting again this year. John B. moved to allow City Superintendent to contract with Kingsbury Septic for sewer jetting, not to exceed \$6,000; John C. seconded. 4 ayes carried the motion. The wastewater sample passed last quarterly sewer testing.

City Superintendent, Harry Colburn presented council with two quotes for ground weed treatment from Schendel for \$1,250 to spray the tennis courts cracks and crevice, parking area by depot, and 3 lagoons and from Revival Lawn Care for \$3,300 to spray the tennis courts cracks and crevice, parking area by depot, and 3 lagoons. Devin moved to accept the bid from Schendel for ground weed treatment in the amount of \$1,250; John C. seconded. 4 ayes carried the motion.

Colburn stated that Mike White will be going to Salina on April 7 with mosquito sprayer for annual calibration required by the EPA and for certification at no cost to the city.

Colburn suggested that the annual Spring cleanup be scheduled for April 12-22. He will ask county commissioners for landfill fees waived again this year and the City has grant money to pay for R & R Refuse charges.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson stated she hoped to have the HAT completed by the end of the week and submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce. She submitted her timesheet so far for pay, an amount was not discussed however \$1,500 was put in the grant for that purpose. Robinson stated she had 4 lifeguard applications and they will be taking their certification in Beloit on March 9-10. City Clerk reported she received one application for summer mowing and one for any position available. Council suggested Colburn reach out to them for a meeting.

Robinson presented to council the representation letter from the City to the Loyd Group for the 2023 audit. John C. moved, John B. seconded to allow the mayor to sign the letter. 4 ayes carried the motion.

John C. moved, Collin seconded, to approve cereal malt beverage licenses 2024-06 and 2024-07 for Downs Chamber of Commerce for Celebration. 4 ayes carried the motion.

Downs Chamber requested to waive fees for the use of Memorial Hall during celebration if inclement weather occurs. Devin moved, John C. seconded, to waive the fees for the use of Memorial Hall for the Downs Chamber on June 20-23. 4 ayes carried the motion.

Devin moved, Collin seconded, to approve building permit 2024-03 for Dennis & Mary Rotman. Motion carried. 4 ayes carried the motion.

John B. moved, John C. seconded, to approve special use permits 2024-18 to 2024-30. 4 ayes carried the motion.

Collin moved, Devin seconded, to approve contractor's license 2024-34 for Knoll Building Maintenance. 4 ayes carried the motion.

Clerk Robinson presented the council with the KDOT C-CLIP application for FY2027 to complete Phase 3 of the resurfacing of K-181 through Downs. The approval was tabled for the next meeting.


A letter was addressed by council from a resident and tabled until it could be looked into further.

Devin moved, John B. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. 4 ayes carried the motion.

John B. moved, John C. seconded, to adjourn the meeting. 4 ayes carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

  
Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

