

CITY OF DOWNS

Regular Council Meeting
October 7, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
715 Railroad Street
Downs, Kansas 67437

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday October 7, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: Heather Hancock, Collin Jones, John Cordill, and John Bisnette. Council not present: Devin Renken. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Minutes

Heather moved, John C. seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from September 16, 2024 as presented. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Public Comment

A citizen had questions concerning a letter he received on code violations.

Staff Reports

There were no reports for library, animal control, or code enforcement.

City Attorney Bruce Berkley reported he had letters mailed for code enforcement concerning nuisance yards.

In the water report, Harry Colburn showed council reports from KDHE what chemicals are in the water. Colburn reported that the voltage at the water plant has reduced since letters were mailed. TK electric had to come out to the water plant to replace.

The City Superintendent received a quote from Bob's Inc. for a 500-gallon fuel tank in the amount of \$1,710 to keep at the shop. Heather moved, Collin seconded, to purchase a fuel tank Bob's Inc. using ARPA Funds. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

Colburn gave the council a quote from Ditch Witch for a pit pump (450 gpm) in the amount of \$4,997.66 as a wish item for the city. This would be beneficial if a main were to break as it would help keep the water pumped out. Colburn then gave a couple recommendations for upcoming purchases, to buy a new 60" mower in the spring instead of a new 72"; trade in the skid steer but the city probably won't get too much out of it due to hours and rough use.

Colburn asked the council to purchase 1/2" chip rock for about \$1,800 with delivery (enough for training). Heather moved, John B. seconded, to purchase enough chip seal rock from APAC to complete one street. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

He then stated that the council needs to decide on how many streets will be done next summer so he can reach out to vendors for pricing. The council asked Colburn to leave a list on which streets need to be done.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported that the city financials were in her written report in council packets. Training is continuing with Mary in the office. Her office had six water services shut off in September. Robinson also stated she has drafted new guidelines for the 2025

Neighborhood Exterior Maintenance Program which was in council packets for review before January.

The Fire Department reported they had two calls recently.

Permits

Heather moved, John B. seconded, to approve fence building permit 2024-21. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

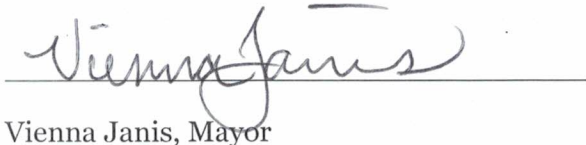
Old Business

Council held more discussion on the building at 903 Morgan Ave. Stuart with Schwab-Eaton will be contacting Harry to set up a time this week to come over and look at the clinic building. Colburn asked council if they want to go ahead and winterize the clinic building water lines and they stated to do so.

Vouchers & Payroll

John B. moved, John C. seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried with 4 ayes.

With no further business, John C. moved, Heather seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

