

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2024, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: John Cordill, Heather Hancock, John Bisnette, Devin Renken, and Collin Jones. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Heather moved, John B., seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from March 18, 2024. Devin abstained. 4 ayes carried the motion.

Harry Colburn reported that the nitrate analyzer was sent in for annual calibration and it should be back this week.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn stated that Mike and Brady went to the annual KRWA Conference in Wichita last week. Colburn reported that he was asked to look into burying cable to run electricity underground to the whiteway stage from one of the poles.

He reported that the Osborne County Commissioners waived the landfill fees for the city wide cleanup from April 12 to 22. He wanted to remind the public that no paint, tires, and no household garbage can be dropped off. The drop off location is at the corner of Delay and First Street at the old mixing strip.

Colburn got a quote for a 55 gallon drum of mosquito spray from VanDiest for \$5,335 and MARC for \$5,500. Devin moved, Heather seconded, to allow the city superintendent to purchase a 55 gallon drum of mosquito spray from VanDiest in the amount \$5,335. 5 ayes carried the motion.

Brady and Mike are going down to Salina for training and to get the mosquito sprayer calibrated on April 17.

Heather moved, Devin seconded, to hire Lincoln Koehn for summer mowing help at \$11.50 per hour. 5 ayes carried the motion.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson's report was in council packets along with monthly financials. She also reported that two large animal permits were turned in for review.

Heather reported that she has a list of needs and wants for the pool that was received from Kelli Hennes, Pool Manager. There was a \$2,500 donation that was given to be put towards the pool and activities. A group is looking into donating a slide and/or replacing diving boards.

Devin moved, Collin seconded, to approve building permit 2024-08. 5 ayes carried the motion.

Devin moved, John C. seconded, to approve special use permits 2024-36 to 2024-37. 5 ayes carried the motion.

John B. moved, Heather seconded, to hire first year lifeguards at \$10/hour; second year lifeguards at \$10.50/hour; and assistant pool manager at \$11.75/hour. 5 ayes carried the motion.


Heather moved, John B seconded, to accept the sealed bid for the 1,000 gallon stainless steel water tank. 5 ayes carried the motion.

Collin reported that he found a snow plow truck on Facebook marketplace and discussion followed. John B. moved, Devin seconded, to purchase the 2010 Ford F-250 plow truck with the City Superintendent's approval not to exceed \$17,000 from ARP funds. 5 ayes carried the motion.

John B. moved, Devin seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. 5 ayes carried the motion.

At 6:28 p.m. Devin moved, John C. seconded, to recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with Council, Mayor, City Superintendent, City Attorney, and City Clerk present. The open meeting will resume in the City Hall at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried with 5 ayes.

Heather moved, John B. seconded, to adjourn the meeting. 5 ayes carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

