

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 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: Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, John Cordill, and Heather Hancock. Council not present: Devin Renken. Others present: Kenneth Lee, Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Joyce moved, John seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from September 5, 2023. Motion carried.

In the water report Harry Colburn stated they had finished boring under the street in the 600 block of Division Street and 500 block of Blunt Street to replace lead lines. They will work on the 1000 block of Delay Street tomorrow and next week plan to work in the 800 block of Ross Street. Cencon of Kansas will have to help with the Ross Street project due to the angle of the boring that needs to be done. Colburn stated there is only one manual read meter left to be replaced with radio read before they start removing the meters in basements. However he is afraid that most of those are attached to lead lines which will be more costly. In the sewer report, Harry stated he hopes the generator parts will be here this week for the lift station.

City Superintendent Harry Colburn reported on the Fall city-wide clean up; there were five dumpsters of trash hauled off and two dumpsters of metal. The county commissioners waived the landfill fees for the city again. A few ladies have fallen at the library so Harry contacted Jim Keezer to look at the curb and what could be done to help fix it since it's such a high curb. The work he recommended would cost roughly \$16,000. Council tabled this until more information could be gathered.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson presented the council with a quote from Nex-tech for cameras at the shop, city office, and the roadside park. Council tabled this until another meeting. Robinson also reported that Downs Community Connection and its volunteers started working on painting the rest of the Roadside Park buildings (old state KDOT building and the picnic shelter house).

Bruce Berkley reported that Downs Volunteer Fire Department received a grant for new flashlights.

Heather reported that the St. Mary's Catholic church will be using the ballfield September 20 for a family friendly game. Hancock also mentioned that a 4-H group will be reaching out to participate in a community service project for the city. Robinson noted that the Roadside Park will also be used on October 1 for the Downs Community Connection Fall Fest.

Joyce moved, John seconded, to approve CMB License 23-06 for Arlibertos Mexican Food. Motion carried.

Joyce moved, John seconded, to approve Building Permit 23-14 for Brady Schoen. Motion carried.

Joyce moved, Heather seconded, to approve Building Permit 23-15 for Caan Pearce. Motion carried.

Kenneth Lee was present to ask council for permission to use the Memorial Hall for play practice and for the all school play on November 10 and 11th, and also asked to waive the fees.

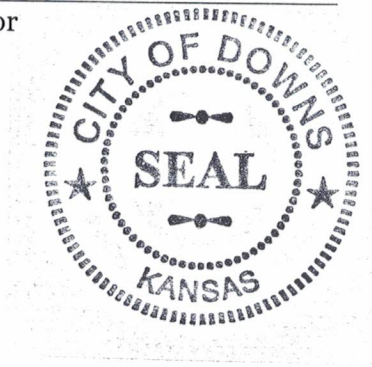
Joyce moved, Heather seconded, to waive the fees for the Lakeside All School Play use of the Memorial Hall. Motion carried.

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

Heather moved, Joyce seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Vienna Janis

Vienna Janis, Mayor



Miranda Robinson

Miranda Robinson, City Clerk