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Regular Meeting
July 12, 2023

Mayor Anna Gindlesberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Council members present; Rayce Stiles, Randy John, Rick Rutledge, and Anna Gindlesberger. Also present was City Clerk, Dusti Dyke and City Treasurer, Cindy Stiles.

Said Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda – Rayce made and Randy 2nd motion to approve agenda with the following additions; PWD #23 Resolution, kayak race, dogs, and yards. Motion passed.

Minutes – Rick made and Randy 2nd motion to accept minutes from regular meeting June 14, 2023. Special meeting on June 21, 2023 was made motion to accept minutes by Rick and Randy 2nd. Motions passed.

Bills – Randy made and Rayce 2nd motion to approve bills. Motion passed.

Public Comments

Guests-

Ransom Financial – The City need an engineer for the bigger projects we are looking into for grants. Sewer is first priority. Dusti to fill out RFQ for engineering services to send out.

Seth Jones – Seth was able to provide guidance over a few different subjects for the meeting.

New Business:

Sales Tax- After discussion, and upon motion duly made by council member Rutledge, and seconded by council member John, a resolution was passed to submit the following proposition for inclusion on the November 2023 ballot, with council members Rutledge, John, and Stiles all voting in the affirmative.

Proposition:

Shall the City of Thayer, Kansas, be authorized to impose a citywide retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-quarter of one percent (.25%) within the City of Thayer, Kansas, for the purpose of providing additional general revenue. The collection of this general sales tax shall commence on April 1, 2024 or as soon thereafter as permitted by law.

Contract for Designated Operator – Previously, we wrote a 6-month contract for Troy Smith to be our Systems Operator until one of the City's employees could be certified. Rayce made motion to renew Troy's contract for another 6 months. Randy 2nd. Motion passed.

Computer for Systems Maintenance Technician – Rick suggested our new employee get a new computer. The rest of council was not ready to make a decision for this. Table to August meeting.

Phone for Systems Maintenance Technician – To avoid conflict with personal use if something were to happen, Rick made motion to reactive previous employee's City cell phone with US Cellular for a \$29.00/month phone plan. Rayce 2nd. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Transfer – Treasurer Stiles addressed her concerns with the upcoming budget.

PWD #23 – Rayce made motion to accept the new resolution with PWD #23. Randy 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kayak Race – Josie Julich proposed to have kayak races at the old lake for Homecoming. After discussion, council would like to table that to next year, with a plan.

Yards – 321 W. Neosho Ave & 222 Greenwood St. are not in compliance with City Code for yard maintenance. Rayce made motion and Randy 2nd for Dusti to send certified letter. Motion passed.

Dogs – Complaints have been made for the dogs at 408 Hillside. Rayce made motion and Randy 2nd for Dusti to send certified letter. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Updates:

City CD's – Dusti called local banks in Chanute for CD rates. Dusti to call People's Bank in Cherryvale, too. Table to August.

Dumpsters - \$55/month for a 2yd dumpster

Cold Storage – Museum did go look at what could be theirs.

City Park Hours – We already have an ordinance as a town curfew for 11 pm.

Brooks Park Tree Bid – Randy made motion for Brooks Firewood & Tree Service to remove the small oak by the playground \$100.00 and remove the large oak between the concession stand and playground for \$1,300.00. Rayce 2nd. Motion passed.

Policy Update – Dusti printed the Parsons Policy for council to review. Table for August.

3151 80th Rd – Dusti called GIS Department at Neosho County. The property the City owns by the lake is approximately ¼ acre. Mr. Graham agreed to pay \$750 for the strip of land, plus survey costs. Rayce made motion to accept the sale at the proposed amount. Randy 2nd. Motion carried.

426 Labette St – Dusti to follow up with Seth about title.

2185 Dorn Rd – Dusti made contact with property owners about paying half of the remaining balance. Owners requested a written apology for the City to take full responsibility, and their payment would be put towards resolving this issue for future instances. Rayce made motion to have a certified letter sent to the owners, giving them 10 days from received letter to pay half of the remaining bill balance. Rick 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Final Thoughts-

Funnel Cake Stand – Once electric is removed, the building can also be.

Randy made and Rayce 2nd the motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.