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Regular Meeting
September 13, 2023

Mayor Anna Gindlesberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Council members present; Rayce Stiles, Randy John, Rick Rutledge, Bill Vining, and Anna Gindlesberger. Also present was City Clerk, Dusti Dyke, City Maintenance, Robert Novotny III, Fire Chief Darren Trout, and City Treasurer, Cindy Stiles.

Said Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda – Bill made and Randy 2nd motion to approve agenda with the following additions; firetruck, sidewalk in front of Post Office/Fire Dept., Marvin Elrod, dogs, park benches, semi traffic, and road wash out my old lake. Motion passed.
Minutes – Bill made and Rayce 2nd motion to accept minutes from regular meeting August 9, 2023. Motion passed.
Bills – Bill made and Randy 2nd motion to approve bills. Motion passed.

Public Comments

Guests-

Kansas DPA Program – Bret came to discuss adding the resolution to approve allowing the Kansas Downpayment Assistance program. There is no financial obligation by the City for this program. This could provide qualifying individuals up to 5% of downpayment or closing costs. They also provide other financial services with the company. Bill made motion to approve the resolution to allow the Kansas DPA Program to provide to assistance to individuals wanting to buy homes in Thayer. Rayce 2nd, motion carried.

Marvin Elrod – Marvin had some concerns about the property behind 3151 80th Road belonging to the City. Marvin was one who originally asked Mr. Johnson to donate the land for the Johnson Park by the old lake. Chief Trout drew an example to explain what piece of land we are discussing.

New Business:

Firetruck #23 – Firetruck #23 is down. Chief Trout has reached out to surrounding Fire Departments for help until our issue is resolved. Chief has gotten a rough idea of how much it could cost to fix, although it has been fixed previously. Council was provided a handout from Chief Trout regarding the truck and prices. After heaps of discussion, Bill made motion for Fire Department to spend up to \$30k on a new truck, not including freight charges. Rick 2nd, motion passed.

Sidewalk – There is a dead tree on the sidewalk by the old City Office and Post Office needing to be taken out. Also, there are sidewalk spots needing patches. City Maintenance will take care of.

Dogs – Citizens continuously have dogs all over town, and are not following code to keep them to their own property. Dusti to call City of Chanute about working something out to get these dogs picked up, motion made by Bill, 2nd by Rayce. Motion passed.

Park Benches – Tonya Smedley asked if we were still allowing benches/picnic tables for parks to be donated. Yes, we are.

Semi Traffic – There will continuously be issues with the traffic during the highway construction. We have contacted everyone we are able to, and taken all steps we can. As far as the city is aware, construction is still set to be done on 169 by Oct 29th. Hang in there.

Road by Lake – There is a lot of wash out of the roads by the old lake. City Maintenance will take care of.

Elected Personnel – Bill addressed the rest of councilmen to be more professional in how things and feelings are handled. Any concerns/questions should be going through the mayor.

Arena – October 28 the Rec would like to have a mud volleyball event in the arena. After discussion, Bill made motion to approve the event, as long as the Rec has event insurance for it. Rayce 2nd, motion carried. The west side of the arena needs a stem wall. Bill made motion to pursue the stem wall and have Dusti price blocks. Randy 2nd. Motion carried.

Library Grant – Mayor Anna gave update on behalf of Holly Powers that the library has applied for a grant to get the bathroom in the library redone to ADA compliance.

Old Business:

Asphalt – Heckert came by to give us a quote earlier today. Once Dusti gets the bid, we will make plans to get it done. May have to have a special meeting.

UTV Bids – Robert called to get bids. Table due to firetruck issues.

Updates:

Cold Storage – Take off the agenda.

City CD's – Cindy Stiles has spoken to Justin at Bank of Commerce. Bill made motion for Cindy Stiles to handle getting the four City CD's down to two, staggering 6 months just in case those funds are needed. Randy 2nd. Motion carried. Cindy also will ask about potentially borrowing against the funds to get the new firetruck.

Campsites – New Ordinance signed to be in place starting October 2023, raising camping costs to \$20.

3151 80th Rd – After discussion with Mr. Elrod and consideration, Bill made motion to rescind the vote to sell the property along the lake the City owns to Graham's. Rayce 2nd. Motion carried.

426 Labette St – We are going to try to get a hold of the underwriter to get this taken care of.

9185 Dorn Rd – City Attorney Jones sent letter.

Final Thoughts-

Seth Jones, City attorney, got the tax ballot taken care of. Seth will handle the publications due to specific dates and times. If passes, we will contact State Treasurer.

Bill made and Randy 2nd the motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.