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Regular Meeting
February 14, 2024

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

Said Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda – Rayce made, and Randy 2nd motion to approve the agenda with the following additions; council appointment, and city park creek. Motion passed.

Minutes – Randy made and Rick 2nd motion to accept minutes from regular meeting January 10, 2024. Motion passed.

Bills –Rick made and Todd 2nd motion to approve bills. Motion passed.

Public Comments

Guests-

Sandra Barker – Sandra and her husband would like to be a camp host for the city. They are willing to help keep the areas clean and monitored, ideally from April to September. Council will get a list of expectations to accept the offer.

New Business:

Council Appointment – Todd made motion to appoint Cody Stipp to the last vacant council seat, Rayce 2nd. Dusti swore in Cody, and he took the vacant seat.

Handicap Dock Grant – Robert to contact Wildlife & Parks to reapply.

CCLIP Application – KDOT has a City Connecting Link Improvement Program, and due to population, we could potentially qualify for full funding. As discussed, council agreed the drainage is the main issue needing taken care of.

Bank Signature Card – Rayce made motion to take William (Bill) Vining off of the bank signature card. Rick 2nd, motion carried.

Salt/PLOW – After recent cold weather incidents, we may look into a type of spreader for ice.

Troy Contract – Rayce made motion to renew Troy Smith’s water/wastewater license use for another six months, Rick 2nd. Motion carried.

Museum Leak – There was a pipe that broke inside of the museum building by the city shop. Insurance was called, a claim was made, and damage is being repaired.

Cold Patch – We are out of bags for cold patch. Robert to call and ask about bulk prices.

Fire Department – Labette County District #9 is interested in taking over the forestry truck the city has. Dusti to ask other local towns for information to compare fire contract to update ours for 2025.

KRWA Conference – Robert to take first attempt at license test. Dusti to go for different clerk classes.

Mower – Robert presented council with bids. Council would like the old mower to be fixed/maintained to prepare for mowing season.

Park Creek – The creek is falling in on the sides. We need potential improvement grants for parks.

Concrete Clean Up – The concrete pieces need pushed back where they’ve been dumped. Rayce made motion to have John Trucking clean it up. Rick 2nd. Motion carried. Randy abstained from voting.

Budget Expenditure Plan – Cindy gave handout of breakdowns and totals of funds for the last year. After general discussion, we will schedule a special meeting at the regular February 2024 meeting to discuss financials plan.

Community Building Ramp – Mayor Anna researched rule to be ADA compliant. There will be three elections held at the Community Building in 2024. Dusti to call Jerry Raida. Table to February.

Fireworks – Last year the city matched the Booster Club for a total of \$4,000 for firework show. Fireworks are ordered in March. Will table to March to decide.

Camp Host – A former local citizen is interested in being a campsite host for the city. In return, they would stay in one site, but manage/oversee the lake. They will be asked to attend a meeting to give their proposal to council.

Old Business:

Dogs – Dusti provided council with a copy of the McCune dog ordinances for reference. Robert to find out about licenses needed, Dusti to find out where other towns take dogs.

Updates:

Grants – After meeting with a few engineering companies, BG Consultants to schedule a meeting with council.

Osage Street Culvert – Dusti to ask John Trucking to help dig for culvert replacement.

Budget Expenditure Plan – Special meeting set for this topic plus BG Consultants for March 7, 2024 at 7pm.

426 Labette St – Anna talked to Steve last month, he has one month to look into another financial institution for funding.

Signage – Unnecessary to have extra open signs at City Hall.

Asset List – Dusti has added the new firetruck and air compressor. Robert to get Dusti new nozzle details to add, and print for council.

Bridge on Labette Street – Rick made motion to accept Tim Morris's bid to redo the bridge for \$19,800. Cody 2nd, motion carried.

Final Thoughts-

Garage Door on Shop

Homeless Ordinances – To ask Seth

Todd made motion for Robert to get the Ingersoll Air Compressor at Tractor Supply for the sale with \$200 off promo, Cody 2nd.

Motion carried.

Randy made and Cody 2nd the motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.