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Regular Meeting May 14, 2025

Mayor Anna Gindlesberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present; Todd Callahan, Rayce Stiles, Rick Rutledge, and Mayor Anna Gindlesberger. Also present was City Maintenance, Robert Novotny III, City Clerk, Dusti Dyke, and City Treasurer, Cindy Stiles.

Said Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda –Rayce made a motion to accept the agenda with no additions. Todd2nd. Motion carried. Minutes – Rick made and Rayce 2nd motion to accept minutes from April 2025 regular and special meetings. Motion passed.

Bills –Todd made and Rayce 2nd motion to approve bills. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Guests-

Holly Powers - Holly recommended getting formal KDHE approval for the new dump station site, and for council to show her where exactly they wanted it placed.

Kevin Cole- Kevin is a Thayer area native. He came to discuss safety concerns over the speed limit signs along the North end of city limits near Pete's and Carl's Sales and Service. The issue cannot be resolved by the City Council. Robert will pass on KDOT contacts for Kevin.

Randy Studebaker - Randy came to discuss the location of the car show for the Booster Club Homecoming event for 2025. Randy was encouraged to attend the Booster Club meeting Saturday May 17, 2025 at 10 am for discussion.

New Business:

Summer Help- After going over submitted applications, and discussion of work help needed, Todd made a motion to buy a new Stihl weedeater. And Rayce 2nd. Motion carried. Rayce made a motion to hire Tyson Carrico and Wyatt Whittley for summer help 20 hours per week (approximately 5 hours, 4 days a week), unless otherwise specified by the Mayor or President of Council. Todd 2nd, motion carried. Todd made a motion to pay both summer help employees \$12.50 per hour, Rick 2nd. Motion carried. Rayce made a motion to purchase safety glasses, gloves, and four hydration pack backpacks, Todd 2nd. Motion carried.

Water Rates—Rick made a motion to remove line 4 on Ordinance No. 374, Rayce 2nd. Motion carried. Todd made a motion to update line 3 on Ordinance No. 374 to raise water charges to \$12.49 for the first thousand gallons and increase to \$11.94 for each thousand gallons thereafter per month. Rick 2nd, motion carried.

Property Clean- Up - Addresses to be sent City Code requirements are 222 W. Greenwood, 208 W Greenwood, 315 N. Osage, 416 W. Wilson, 324 N. Okmulgee, 221 W. Neosho Ave, 200 W.Wilson, 411 W. Neosho Ave, and 401 S. Preston.

Old Business:

Updates:

Attached Spreadsheet -

Bridge at Arena - Robert is getting the bridge laid out. A stem wall was discussed on the North side of the arena by Montgomery Street.

Trees at Park - Bill's Tree Service was the only quote received for dropping nine different trees. Table to June meeting for more quotes.

City Park Gazebo - As more is uncovered, more structural issues arise. The council has discussed fixing the gazebo the right way to prevent future problems.

Computer - Online payments and set up are ready. Rick suggested verbiage to post to Facebook for sign-up. Insurance - Rick has found a few discrepancies in the policies, and will meet with the insurance agent Wednesday morning for discussion.

Final Thoughts-

Todd made a motion and Rayce 2nd the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.