

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July, 6 2021

Call to order: A meeting of the Council was held on July 6, 2021, in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 215 Chester Ave. Mayor Norman Brant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following council members were present: Gary Spinks, Heather Ingvalson, Kenneth Page, Victor Phillips, Jack Howard, Randy Morse and Mike Rhymer.

Absent: Cody Page

Also, Present: City Attorney Frank Siebert, City Administrator Mike Dudek, Captain Alan Stevens, Dan King 911 Management, Fire Chief Shawn Jackson and Park Director Skylar Cobb.

Prayer and Pledge: Prayer led by Bob Lenz from the Restoration Church, and Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilwoman Mike Rhymer. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: from June 21, 2021

Motion to approve minutes from June 21, 2021, made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion carried. Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson and Councilman Randy Morse abstained.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$7,617.34 was made by Councilman Gary Spinks; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Public Forum:

Sally Porch brought fliers for the Blue Jean Ball on November 6, 2021. Tickets can be purchased from Sue Crader, Sally Porch or Carol Swinford. Proceeds benefit Kim's Kids a non-profit organization which donates to Scott City School to supplement projects and help provide additional educational needs.

Ron Pratt with Midwest Truck Sales and Services addressed the Council with concerns of the Knox Box system where businesses would provide a key in case of an emergency or fire after hours. He was concerned with security; if he could be ticketed for not buying one; and will his insurance allow the coverage for other than employees to have keys. Chief Jackson assured Mr. Pratt and Council each City has different keys and passcodes which would show who accessed. Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson asked if we would want to allow the business to sign a waiver and not hold the city liable for breaking down the door. The Knox box ordinance has been in effect since 2003. If we changed the ordinance and no longer required businesses to have a Knox box our ISO insurance rating would come down. Council tabled this until next meeting.

Cletus Glueck asked the Council to consider leaving the UTV time limits Sunrise and 10:00pm. It does not get dark until 9:00 and ballgames go later than 8:00 pm. Captain Alan Stevens told Council that State or County Officers could come into town and write tickets for anyone on the road after dark. Councilman Victor Phillips made the motion to table ordinance 1246 regarding the times UTV can be on City Streets for now. Seconded by Gary Spinks all in favor.

New Business: N/A

- **Bill # 1238 Ordinance 1247** an ordinance deleting court cost for sheriff's retirement fund. Motion for the first reading was made by Councilman Gary Spinks; motion for second reading was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer. Motion to accept Bill #1238 Ordinance #1247 was made by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. **Roll Call Vote: Kenny Page AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Jack Howard-AYE; Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE.**
- **Resolution #611** authorizing sale of property located at 919 First Street East. Motion to accept Resolution #611 made by Councilman Randy Morse; seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Norman Brant had discussed Gas trucks and other Semi trucks coming through town without having a local delivery. Attorney, Frank Siebert thinks we can enforce the truck routes to have the officers to write tickets.

City Administrator, Mike Dudek:

- Requested a motion to adjust budget since David Gore will no longer be a code enforcement officer and he is back at Public Works mowing cemeteries etc. Councilman Gary Spinks made motion to change the budget to move David Gores wages from Code Enforcement to Public Works, Councilman Jack Howard seconded all in favor.
- Bids for the Cemetery Gazebo were opened: Van Winkle Services \$6,550.00; Kranawetter Construction \$6,000.00; Braun remodeling \$5,875.00. Councilman Randy Morse made the motion to use Braun remodeling, Councilman Gary Spinks second All in favor motion carried.
- City properties for sale are going to be advertised in the paper. Bids will be due by July 19, 2021, 4:00 pm for opening at the council meeting on July 19, 2021.
- City Clerk Ashley Gentry will be on vacation next week. Bill list will be ready on Monday night at the meeting.
- City received a bill from Bootheel Region Planning. Do we want to continue to pay this? They have not given us services in a long time. This will be brought up at the next Council meeting.

Department Reports:

Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:

- Each department head helps decide raises. Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson requested a hold for the next two years raise for Mike Dudek. Also, the finance committee would like to look at getting employees wages to minimum or better. City administrator Mike Dudek has done an

amazing job with grants etc. All employees are an asset to the city. "Hats Off" to all employees and Department Heads.

Police Captain, Alan Stevens and E911 Manager, Dan King:

- 911 systems installed and functioning. The computer has a driver problem. Two months since it should have been up and running. Received patch cables to get up and going. Training will be furnished again since it has been two months since training and not able to put into practice yet. All should be up and functioning in approximately three weeks.
- 469 Calls.
- Applied for Emergency Performance Grant. The grant will be for \$11,406.00 City portion will be \$5,403.00.
- Getting an emergency exercise ready to go through within a year.

Victor Phillips, Police:

- Looked into crosswalks and two flashing signs on Main St. in front of the museum. The cost should be under \$3,000.00. The Signs will be solar signs for public safety. Motion by Councilman Victor Phillips to purchase and install two flashing solar crosswalk signs and install crosswalks. Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks, all in favor motion carried.
- Chamber of Commerce will have their next meeting, Thursday July 15, 2021, at 7:15 am at The Front Porch.

Shawn Jackson, Fire Chief:

- Asked Council to approve promotions. Councilman Kenny Page motioned to accept these promotions:
Noah Crump to Deputy Chief
Jared Pace to Captain
Jeremiah Bain to Captain
Matt Rudd to Lieutenant
Oscar Polk to Lieutenant
Kolbe Drury to Lieutenant
Myron Carter to Engineer
Seconded by Councilman Jack Howard. All in favor motion carried.
- Monitor has been installed at the fire door. It explains the fastest route to the call and the closest hydrants available.

Kenny Page, Fire:

- The Knights of Columbus were impressed with the Fire Departments Presentation at their KC Family Picnic.

Skylar Cobb, Park Director:

- Pool is going well.
- Last weekend was the Babe Ruth State Tournament only 8 teams participated.
- This Thursday – Saturday big State Tournament with 11 teams.
- The guys are keeping up with the landscaping.

- The 2nd annual Outdoor Field Clinic is August 21st.
- Eric Uhrhan Day September 11th.

Heather Ingvalson, Parks:

- A resident has approached her to request the intersection of Chester Avenue, Warner Avenue, and Harvard Dr. get the 4-way signs added to the stop sign posts.
- Where are we with the Use Tax? City Administrator, Mike Dudek told Council any City who have not passed a Use Tax are required to wait for the wording from Governor Parsons before writing up this ordinance. Any City who has already put into effect the Use Tax can continue receiving a use tax.

Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director: Absent

Mike Rhymer, Public Works: Nothing to report

Gary Spinks, Cemetery: Nothing to report.

Jack Howard, Planning and grants:

- Bicentennial meeting, Tues. July 13th 6:00 pm to discuss and plan the Bicentennial Celebrations August 6th -10th.

No further business being presented, moved by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks to adjourn at 8:12 pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:



Tina Blattel, Asst. City Clerk



Norman Brant, Mayor