

Minutes from May 2, 2022

Present: Mayor Semisch, Councilmembers Geri Ebersohl, Steve Schuetz Darcie Gomez, and Kyle Hrabe. Absent was Bruce Proctor. George Laidler and Dylan Chilcott were present for Maintenance. In the audience: Jennifer Tirres and E.A Tong, Joel Lovesee, and LeRoy Wolf.

Mayor Semisch opened the meeting at 6:30

Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 4, 2022, with Steve Schuetz 2nd. Passed 4-0. Geri Ebersohl made a motion to approve the bills. Darcie Gomez 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jamie Ballard was present for the public hearing concerning his property. Geri Ebersohl, acting Code enforcement, presented a case to tear the property down at 401 N. Main St. It has been a blight to the neighborhood for many years and the city has tried to work with Jamie, but he has not been cooperative. Jamie asked for 60 days to allow him to get the roof repaired. He said he already had the materials and even windows to do it. Steve Schuetz made a motion to allow until July 1st to have the entire roof done and then conversation would be started for the rest of the condition of the house. If it is not completed by July 1st the process to tear it down would be started. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

PRIDE COMMITTEE:

No update at this time

Old Business:

a) table security cameras to next meeting for a presentation

Agenda:

(a) EA Tong wanted an update on Stadium St. He left before explanation was complete, but road will take work to make it be ready for chip and seal. The city will be laying rock on it over the next couple of years and will get a base to be able to go over it with chip and seal in the next couple of years

(b) LeRoy Wolf was here to help present for the process of the chip and seal.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to allow Herb Babb to get the trees cut for up to \$4,000 and if the bid is over that another conversation will be needed. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to get all required items needed for the roads, including but not limited to rock, buckets of cold tap, cold mix, oil, and the company to tail gate the rock on Stadium and South St. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Permit Approvals:

(a) Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the Prairie House sidewalk permit once the COL insurance is provided. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

(b) Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the fence permit for 502 N. Olive. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

(c) Darcie Gomez made a motion to deny the carport permit for 525 W. Mechanic St. at this time. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Order of Violations:

Geri Ebersohl made a motion to approve the Notice of Orders as listed. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Staff Reports:

Clerks Report/Court Report:

Clerks report was presented. No additional comments or questions at this time.

Maintenance Report:

Maintenance report was presented. George Laidler now has the Water and Wastewater certification for the City and is listed as the Operator for the City with KDHE. No additional comments or questions at this time.

Law Report/ Code Enforcement:

Law report was presented. Steve Howard is no longer with the city. He resigned on April 22, 2022. No additional comments or questions at this time.

Mayor:

(a) Steve Schuetz would like clarification on who will be looking over the work and plans written by Wilson Engineering. Jodie is to send an email asking them to explain or be at the next meeting.

(b) Geri Ebersohl made a motion to submit the application requesting to be added to KDHE's Intended Use Plan. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

(c) Geri Ebersohl made a motion to formally apply for the Kansas State Revolving Fund for the Intended Use of replacing older cast iron piping throughout the city. Kyle Hrabe 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

(d) Darcie Gomez made a motion to not partner with the Utility Service Partners Private Label. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

(e) Steve Schuetz made a motion to not use Nexbill at this time. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session:

Darcie Gomez requested a 15-minute executive session for personnel. Geri Ebersohl 2nd.

Executive session started 8:10 pm.

Executive session ended 8:25pm.

Darcie Gomez requested an additional 15-minute executive session for personnel. Geri Ebersohl 2nd.

Executive session started 8:25 pm.

Executive session ended 8:40pm.

Darcie Gomez requested an additional 5-minute executive session for personnel. Geri Ebersohl 2nd.

Executive session ended at 8:45pm.

Decisions during executive session:

George Laidler is to get a \$1.00 raise effective immediately for his certification.

Jodie Laidler is to get a \$2.00 raise effective immediately for the added responsibilities.

Council:

Darcie Gomez made a motion to adopt the Code of Conduct for the citizens that come into the office and are not behaving as they should. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Steve directed Jodie to call Laury in the morning to get the names of places to place an ad for the current opening of the Police Chief position.

Open Forum:

No one

Darcie Gomez made a motion to adjourn. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.