

Minutes from April 12, 2021

Present: President Bruce Proctor, Regina Abbott, Steve Schuetz, Darcie Gomez, and Geri Ebersohl. George Laidler represented Maintenance. Jennifer Braden was present for Code Enforcement/Public officer, Steve Howard for the Police, Mayor Kristina Semisch was absent. In the audience: Marlyn Brown and Jeremiah Anderson.

President Bruce Proctor opened the meeting at 6:30.

Regina Abbott made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2021 meeting with the correction noted for who approved the last month's meeting minutes. Steve Schuetz 2nd. Passed 4-0. Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the bills Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Schuetz made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2021 for the Kansas PRIDE program recognizing Leon now has a PRIDE committee and the City endorses it. Darcie Gomez 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Community/Citizen recognition:

Will present in May.

Old Business:

(a) Jodie will have a permit ready for the next month's meeting to look at allowing Velocity to come and have poles for the internet.

(b) It was decided to not add on anything for the insurance.

(c) It was decided to cut off the poles and to make them breakaway poles. Council is to drive around before the next meeting and decide what side of the street the signs should be on.

(d) Jodie is to have the list of the oldest to the newest roads that were done by the next meeting.

Agenda:

(a) Darcie Gomez made a motion to approve the Firework Permit for Marlyn's Fireworks contingent upon getting the insurance and providing it to the City. Regina Abbott 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

(b) Jeremiah spoke about his culverts and wants a 10' culvert in both driveways. The Council decided that Steve and Bruce will go meet with Jeremiah on Wednesday to look to see the size. Jeremiah said he does not want people using his 2nd driveway and the Council told him he can put a pipe in the driveway and running a chain across it, but he will need to call 811 to be safe.

Jeremiah also spoke about the signs that are in his yard and would like them removed. He understands that the City sign and the Mason's sign are in the easement, but the Church and the Harvest Home sign need to be moved out of his yard. Steve asked if Jeremiah would mind if it could be moved over and Jeremiah said he would be willing to consider moving it but now they are causing blind spots when he backs out of the driveway. Jodie said the Harvest Home sign can be moved and asked the City if they would consider putting a smaller sign for the Harvest Home to go under the City sign. Everyone was in agreeance for that. Steve said he will contact the County and then dependent on what is said we will send a letter to the Harvest Home and the Church to have them remove them within 30 days. Bruce and Steve will also address this when they visit with him. Darcie said to wear a body cam when meeting. Steve will have him sign the map for our records.

Order of Violations:

None

Public Hearings:

None

Permit Approvals:

Donnie Lakin's building permit was approved.

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report:

Fire hydrants were discussed. The guy who hit the fire hydrant wants to pay out of pocket and I have notified the insurance and they said if he will then that would be a good route to go and when we get the other bids, we can discuss this more.

Clerks Report:

Council said the cost of the culvert for Shirley Jones and the neighbor's driveway will be a cost shared for them.

Council agreed to let Mr. Wheeler, 101 S. West St, live in a camper until November to do the work at the property.

Council said to send a letter to the Flemings about the T-post.

East Central Street is being destroyed by trucks that are being driven and they block the traffic. One of the officers are to go and talk to them and tell them to figure a different way in and out and get signs ordered that say not trucks over 26,000lbs.

Jessica Boman was sent a letter saying if they the tenant at 120 E. Central is not out by the time given then she should come to a meeting.

Jessica also had a leak, but a test meter has been put in and if it is not bad then they will be responsible for the bill.

Mike Wall and Annie Nagel have had a leak where the water lines broke in their house. We have called the insurance company because they wanted to file a claim and they have been told twice from the insurance that they will not pay. The investigator will come out again this next Wednesday to investigate it more. Bruce Proctor will go again with the guys with the investigator. As a practice we now are pulling all the meters when they have not been used or the house is empty for longer than 3 months.

PRIDE committee is wanting to allow small businesses to shop late one Thursday a month. The first Saturday in June the PRIDE committee is wanting to have a block party. Council agreed to let the City buy the hot dogs, chips, and a drink.

Courts Report: Court went well this month.

Law Report: Chief Howard said they have gotten some repeat offenders for driving on suspended licenses. We have had some late nights and had some foot patrol and trying to get everyone used to having us in town. Council did agree to let the car be parked at Nick Bready's house since he is in town. Some PR was done at Hickory Hollow and they helped earn money by doing 120 pushups.

You must be a certified officer to take DUI classes and they are taken at KLETC they are 3 days and then KDHE must be contacted to take the class on the intoxilyzer. Chief Howard would like to have the Council consider sending Nick Bready to the part-time academy.

Steve Schuetz asked for an executive session pertaining to employees for 5 minutes.

Executive Session started at 8:13 and ended at 8:18pm.

Darcie Gomez made a motion to hire Nick Bready for \$10 an hour and send him to the academy and have him sign a year contract. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Code Enforcement/Public Officer report: Reported that everything is coming along. She is still in Quadrant 4 and going to Quadrant 2. Council mentioned the fence on the corner of North and Ola.

Absent **Mayor:**

Nothing **Council:**

Open Forum:

Darcie Gomez made a motion to adjourn. Geri Ebersohl 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.