

Regular Meeting
November 12, 2024
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patricia Showalter called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present: Bev Hall, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, and Mike Tyrell and Cindy Fuentes-Ummel. Others present were: City Superintendent Richard Hall, City Clerk Debbie LeDoux and Animal Control Officer Tammy Chism

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: 1. Animal Control Officer Tammy Chism shared information about an incident concerning an abandoned dog. The sheriff's office was called to the location and Tammy called and sent pictures to the veterinarian. The dog was without food and clean water and the makeshift pen that it was enclosed in was covered in excrement. The dog also had a large tumor hanging on its underside. After consulting with the veterinarian and determining the dog was in need of veterinary care, the dog was taken to Heartland Veterinary Clinic and impounded. The dog will need shots and other care before it will be adoptable. Tammy also discussed options with the City Attorney and these options were discussed with Council. After discussion it was decided that legal action will be taken by the City Attorney for violations. The City will also pay expenses for the veterinary care. H-D Oilfield has made a donation towards the costs.

2. Discussion was held as to whether there have been any updates from LaRocques about the removal of the dogs since the City has repealed the Ordinance that allowed kennels. There has not been any communication from them since August. Mike Tyrell made the motion and Bev Hall seconded for Debbie to send them an email asking for update on the number of dogs they have on their premises in Bazine and letting them know that the City will need to inspect and confirm the information given. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communications were presented and acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jeff Werth. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Chris Rorabaugh, Code Enforcement Officer, was in town on Friday, November 1. Violations he documented were discussed and notices will be sent out. Updates were discussed on violations that have been turned over to the City Attorney and have been heard in Municipal Court.

2 Reports from the Inspector who is overseeing the Street and Storm Water Sewer Improvements were shared. He is checking daily on work being done to ensue that it is done to specs. A cost-saving and beneficial option was discussed for reclaiming the asphalt that is being removed and compacting it as a foundation below the new concrete.

3. Location of new street lights on Foos Ave was discussed. Further efforts will be made to locate the water lines so that they will be able to be placed on the east side of Foos Ave.

4. A quote for health insurance for the city superintendent was shared with the Council. Scott Corsair made the motion to approve the City paying the monthly premiums directly to the insurance carrier. Seconded by Mike Tyrell. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. A new franchise agreement is needed with Atmos Energy. Debbie will contact them as they have not reached out with an agreement. An increase to 6% annually will be requested. Currently the agreement is for 5% annually.

2. Discussion was held regarding the City sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest again this year. It was decided that instead of cash prizes, the winners would receive a credit on their water bill. The amounts will be \$100 for 1st, \$50, for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd. The City will try to find impartial residents to be judges for the contest. Deadline and date for announcing winners will be announced soon.

3. Debbie is currently working with AdamsBrown on the Agree Upon Procedures that is required. It has been suggested that a written credit card policy be prepared. Debbie will get suggestions from other cities and work on this for approval at the next meeting.

VOUCHERS: Scott Corsair made a motion and Mike Tyrell seconded to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER: Scott Corsair shared information about a discussion with Kansas Dirt about possible solutions to aid with drainage in the Elm St to Ave A area.

ADJORNMENT: At 8:25 pm Jeff Werth moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cindy Fuentes-Ummel. Motion carried unanimously.