

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
OCTOBER 11, 2017  
5:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Batchelder arrived at 5:07, Dana Clary arrived at 5:02, Ben Gilmore, Jesse Marriott and Matt Peterson.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** City Clerk Joann Karn, City Police Chief Brandon Whetstine, and City Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Leach.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Dennis Lentz, Rocky Ruhnke and Joyce Rush

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Jerry Twombly

Mayor Twombly called the regular city council meeting to order.

Ben Gilmore moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular city council meeting held on September 13, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

Ben Gilmore moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented for the month of September 2017. Motion carried 4-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

Mayor Twombly established a Planning and Zoning Committee and appointed council members Jesse Marriott, Matt Peterson and the mayor. Dana Clary moved and Ben Gilmore seconded a motion approving Mayor Twombly's establishing a Planning and Zoning Committee and appointments. Motion carried 3-1

Attorney Collins - absent

Clerk Karn – Nothing at this time

Police Chief Brandon Whetstine read his report and the recently purchased vehicle is ready to switch over for service. Maintenance Supervisor Leach provided an update on the recommendations from the state on the wastewater inspection of the lagoons.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance Committee** – Ben Gilmore: Nothing at this time

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Matt Peterson: Nothing at this time

**Parks and Rec. Committee** – Dana Clary: Flyers for October 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween's Trunk or Treat are posted; submitting an application for two (2) park grills through the Wolf Grant funds; Minier Park Shelter House will be completed 10-12-17; the HCC baseball team is painting the bathrooms at the City Park; and the HCC softball team will cleanup Degginger Park.

**Street and Alley Committee** – Charles Batchelder: Absent

**Water and Sewer Committee** – Jesse Marriott: Nothing at this time

**Outreach Committee** – Jerry Twombly and Jesse Marriott: Nothing at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Matt Peterson moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to proceed with the invitation for proposal and bid for the community building parking lot project per the prepared proposal/bid documents. Motion carried 5-0

Ben Gilmore reported the school district would agree to a five (5) year sub-lease of the old grade school building to Nathan Keller who has asked Alan Boeh to draw up the lease. Mayor Twombly indicated there is more to the process than drawing up a lease.

Matt Peterson inquired about the proposed stop signs on Pennsylvania Street. Councilman Batchelder stated the consensus was to leave as is. To assist with speed control, Matt Peterson moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion for the intersections of Pennsylvania/Ives and Pennsylvania/Genesee streets be 4-way stops and update the traffic map. Motion carried 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jesse Marriott moved and Dana Clary seconded a motion to appoint the individual serving as city clerk to be the Zoning Administrator for the city. Motion carried 5-0

Jesse Marriott moved and Charles Batchelder seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mayor

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City Clerk