

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
November 10, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Delzeit, Marty Allen, Rocky Ruhnke, Dan Collins and Terry Gibson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, Water and Sewer Superintendent Trevor Saunders, and Chief of Police Brandon Whetstine

GUESTS PRESENT: CB Lackey, Bill Noll and Keith Edmonds

PRESIDING: Mayor Charles Batchelder

Mayor Batchelder called the regular city council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021, regular city council meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Batchelder – Nothing at this time.

Attorney Collins –Later in the meeting.

Clerk Karn –Reviewed the finances advising the water fund is near budget authority for calendar year 2021 following projected December expenditures. Shelly Underwood, MAP, will be present Monday, Nov. 15th, to input city's information for establishing several water/sewer rate proposals to present for council consideration.

Police Chief – Trunk or Treat was successful again and would like to thank everyone, especially the fire department.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Saunders and City Superintendent Lackey –Water & Sewer Supt. Saunders indicated the college asked for salt/sand mixture storage. The city has storage available; salt/sand mix is \$80/ton and the city/college would go half; totaling \$1,250 each. Marty Allen moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to partner with the college on the salt/sand mix as presented which is \$1,250 as the city's cost and provide storage for the college's half. Motion carried 5-0

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance Committee – Marty Allen & Rocky Ruhnke – Nothing at this time.

Law Enforcement Committee – Terry Gibson & Marty Allen – Nothing at this time

Parks and Rec. Committee – Greg Delzeit & Rocky Ruhnke – Councilperson Ruhnke reviewed the Doniphan West Welcome sign, \$500 cost, placed at the Kansas/Main intersection which will not block any vision. Committee of Rocky Ruhnke, Marty Allen, Mayor Batchelder and Attorney Collins will meet regarding the Matthias/Saddle Club area for youth recreation.

Street and Alley/Bldg & Grounds Committee – Terry Gibson & Dan Collins – Nothing at this time.

Water and Sewer Committee – Rocky Ruhnke & Terry Gibson – Treated sewer lines have been jetted again with some lines needing to be retreated.

Planning & Zoning – Marty Allen & Greg Delzeit – Nothing at this time.

Personnel Committee – Greg Delzeit & Dan Collins – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greg Delzeit moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the USD 111, Doniphan Darling, LLC and city sublease agreement Motion carried 4-0 Ruhnke abstained

Attorney Collins led discussion on the tract of land needed for the water treatment plant which included disposal of the brine, whenever needed in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to close the 300 block of Main Street for the Snowflake Festival, November 26, 2021, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0

Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion approving the Site Plan applications submitted by 3P Hobbies, 408 N. Iowa Street. Motion carried 5-0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS:

Councilperson Allen inquired about and had discussion on the following: unsafe structures, street project, water treatment plant project, police procedures and water rates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:35 p.m. for 5 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 Mayor asked the city attorney to remain.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:40 p.m. for 5 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 Mayor asked the city attorney to remain.

Councilperson Ruhnke left the meeting.

Marty Allen moved and Greg Delzeit seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:45 p.m. for 20 minutes for consultation with an attorney on legal matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0 Mayor asked the city attorney and clerk to remain

Marty Allen moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor

City Clerk