

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
March 13, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Gibson, Marty Allen, Keith Edmonds, and Tana Snyder

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Ellerman

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Clerk Joann Karn, and Police Chief Dustin Winters. City Attorney Andrew Parker arrived at 5:25 p.m.

GUESTS PRESENT: Wyatt and Jill Denton

PRESIDING: Council President Terry Gibson. Mayor Charles Batchelder absent.

Tana Snyder moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of February 14, 2024 and special meeting dates of February 29, 2024 and March 6, 2024. Motion carried 4-0

Tana Snyder moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 4-0

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

Council President Gibson – Nothing at this time.

Attorney Parker – Absent

Clerk Karn – Later in the meeting; announced the city was awarded the Ruth and Roger Wolfe Charitable Trust grant of \$1,700 to purchase a 100% recycled material handicap picnic table for Degginger Park.

Police Chief – Making progress on the code enforcement and more notices have been served; March 21st-the Chief and Undersheriff will assist the high school for different grants; asking to attend the KACP Leadership and Training Conference in Mulvane on April 29, 2024 – May 2, 2024 with city paying for registration (\$300), room (\$312), fuel and meals – total under \$1,000 and the annual association dues of \$75. Tana Snyder moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion allowing Chief Winters to attend the KACP Conference, April 29, 2024 – May 2, 2024 in Mulvane, KS, with the city paying for his registration-\$300, room-\$312, fuel and meals plus the annual dues of \$75. Motion carried 4-0 Announced he has been on duty 73 days this year, logged 93 incidents and had 17 traffic stops (8 tickets) since last meeting.

Wyatt Denton for Supt. Saunders – Saunders info will be in old business.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance Committee – Marty Allen & Keith Edmonds – Nothing at this time.

Law Enforcement Committee – Tana Snyder & Marty Allen – Nothing at this time.

Parks and Rec. Committee — Terry Gibson & Tana Snyder – Marty Allen moved and Keith Edmonds seconded a motion to hire Zach Lee as the Summer Rec. Director for \$1,500 and set umpire pay at \$25 per game and \$10 per game for the scorekeeper. Motion carried 4-0

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

Water and Sewer Committee – Terry Gibson & Robert Ellerman – Nothing at this time.

Planning & Zoning – Keith Edmonds & Marty Allen – Nothing at this time.

Personnel Committee – Tana Snyder & Robert Ellerman – Maintenance candidate turned down the offer. Consensus is to place the same ad in the local paper.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wyatt Denton reported the Water Treatment Plant Project is waiting on the water line and sewer repairs and the replacement tank for the plant has not arrived yet.

Wyatt Denton reported Vance Brothers are scheduled to be in town microsurfacing in April.

Councilperson Allen has only received one (1) bid for dirt work at the Sports Complex (former Matthias/Saddle Club Area) but has another bid coming. With the high school inquiring if the area is large enough for a football field and track, Allen commented the area is large enough to handle an 11-man football field but not large enough for a track around it.

Councilperson Gibson announced that Larry Diveley will continue making the hay off the grounds, but the city will be compensated for 1/3 of it this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Gibson presented one bid for the Quonset building roof repairs. The council consensus was to table it until the receipt of another bid.

Wyatt Denton commented the Rural Fire District firemen will do a controlled burn for the city at the lagoons and will remain to assist with the city's burn pile.

Attorney Parker arrived and reported he is still working on the police policy. Attorney Parker drafted a new version of the special purpose vehicle ordinance. Following discussion, the consensus of the council is for Attorney Parker to revise the golf cart ordinances to parallel the newly drafted special purpose vehicle ordinance. Regarding annexation, Attorney Parker will be reviewing all the city property descriptions with former city Attorney Collins.

Marty Allen moved and Tana Snyder seconded a motion for the City Clean-up Day be corresponding dates as last year, April 26th and 27th, with two (2) roll-off dumpster from Miller Trash Service. Motion carried 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Terry Gibson moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:40 p.m. for 5 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 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0 Council President asked the City Attorney and Police Chief to remain.

Tana Snyder moved and Marty Allen seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor

City Clerk