

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 7, 2025

7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Mayor Donna Wiss, Council members Lyle Riggs, Ron Robert, Rodger Kraft, Kevin Klepper, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt, Treasurer Madelyn Lee (via zoom) and City Attorney William McClendon

Absent: Councilman Marc Warren

Guests: Ed Cornett, Robin Wunderlich & Jerrid Baumgartel

Mayor Wiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was cited and roll called.

Riggs moved to approve March 24, 2025, special meeting minutes. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Klepper moved to approve the March 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed.

Riggs moved to approve the March 2025 bills. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Riggs moved to approve the March 2025 treasurer's report as presented. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

City Fire Chief Jerrid Baumgartel noted he would like to purchase a couple automatic garage doors for the fire department if the City would pay half and the fire department the other half. Baumgartel also noted the fire department needs a new flashlight for the city fire truck. Mayor Wiss stated the City needs to figure out something on the storm siren.

Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt reported that Atlas is ready to get the scada going. One of the city pumps went out. Schmidt has ordered a new one. The antenna is up at the water plant. Discussion was had on installing a fence around the antenna for safety reasons. Schmidt noted that water conferences went well. A sewer pump went out and the new just came in and Schmidt will install it this week. City truck is still in the shop. The Kubota tractor needs front tires.

Robert moved to purchase front tires for the Kubota tractor. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Riggs noted the 2024 audit went well. She also reported that the sewer fund is breaking even just by glancing at the numbers and the council needs to think about the possibility of increasing rates in the future but will know more when the audit is complete.

City Attorney McClendon noted that the county is going to do some research on the vacant lots but at this time they are busy with tax valuations. McClendon reported that if the City requests him to do the research it will be expensive.

Clerk Riggs stated that there has been some confusion and issues with the past and now current election according to the county. The council had previously requested McClendon to draft a charter ordinance to get the City in compliance with the election rules. Riggs moved to pass Charter Ordinance No. 9. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Riggs scheduled a 40-yard dumpster from May 5th through May 12th for spring cleaning. The dumpster is available for customers who pay for trash service though the City of Severy's water utility billing.

The City purchased a 1996 CAT 135H Road Grader from Foley Equipment on March 25, 2025. The machine has 6,800 hours and it articulates. After discussion of the old road grader, Robert moved to approve Alan Johnson with Johnson Realty to sale the Galion Road Grader and a sickle on consignment. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Riggs moved to approve Jerriid Baumgartel to spray the sewer lagoons, ball field and water plant again this year. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Kraft moved to go into an executive session for 45 minutes to confer with City Attorney on matters subject to client privilege and include City Clerk at 9:00 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Kraft moved to adjourn. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

/s/ Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk