

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2023

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

Present: Mayor Donna Wiss, Council President Marc Warren, Council Members Lyle Riggs, Rodger Kraft, Ron Robert, Kevin Klepper, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Treasurer Casandra Myers, Code Enforcement Officer Ken Kierl and City Attorney Alleen VanBebber (via zoom)

Guest: Robin Wunderlich & Kyra

Absent: Paul Schmidt

Mayor Wiss called the regular business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll was called.

Robert moved to approve the July 18, 2023 Special Budget Meeting Minutes. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to approve the July 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to approve the July 2023 bills. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to approve the July 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt was absent. Clerk Riggs gave a small report of Kansas Avenue road repair. The Water Department pump was delivered, Schmidt will install it in the next few weeks.

Code Enforcement Officer Kierl stated he will be getting the clerk a list of properties that are in violation of Ordinance 434, for overgrown vegetation on a residential property. Kierl also addressed the situation at 302 N. Kansas Avenue. Kierl reached out to a couple of companies that do junk removal. One company has come out to assess the property, which was found in violation of Ordinance 431 on March 15, 2023. The company understands that this will all need to be removed in one day. Vehicles, trailers or property inside the home cannot be touched. After discussion, Klepper moved to accept the quote from AA Bros and Junk Removal.

Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. Clerk Riggs will send out the proper paperwork to the property owners and tenant.

Clerk Riggs notified the Council that Resolution 2023-4 was misnumbered for the grass mowing increase. Warren moved to correct the Resolution to the current number.

Clerk Riggs mentioned that she would like another few months to investigate the utility software issue. She does believe it will need to be updated in the future, but not at this point.

Guest Kyra Kissinger with Washington National Insurance Company presented council with packets regarding life, dental, vision and cancer insurance information.

Clerk Riggs stated that the Proposed 2024 Budget has been sent to be published on August 4, 2023, along with published notice of the required public hearing of the City's Notice to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate which will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 pm at City Hall, followed immediately by the annual Budget Hearing.

Clerk Riggs presented the yearly SEK-Co-op propane contract. She stated that last year the Council approved that contract for 2,000 gallons. This year the cost is \$.20 cheaper. Future weather is unknown, and if it is not all used, the City will receive a credit. Warren moved to approve 3,000 gallons at \$1.75 per gallon. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs requested City Attorney VanBebber to address council on a cemetery issue. Robert also explained to VanBebber the cost the City is up against, with what the City charges for burial plots along with opening and closing graves, and what it takes to maintain the cemetery. Riggs moved to table the cemetery topic until VanBebber can check the statues. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to meet with the City Attorney and discuss an issue that is subject to the attorney/client privilege. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0. The executive session began at 8:35 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m. and no action was taken.

Robert moved to block the streets and pay Severy Community Activities for half of the bill for rental of portable toilets for the Labor Day celebration. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.