CITY OF SEVERY

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

December 7th, 2020

7:00 PM AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Guests: Robin Wunderlich, Tessa Riggs, Ken Kierl (Enforcement Officer)

Council present: Mayor Tom Eubank, Lyle Riggs, Marc Warren, Ronald Robert, Tom Noll, Donna Wiss, City Clerk Casandra Myers, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt

Absent: Treasurer Cindy Frakes

Mayor Tom Eubank called the meeting to order at 7 pm

Enforcement Officer Ken Kierl would like to work on getting yards cleaned up during the winter since things are more visible due to dead vegetation. Kierl also would like to start working on the abandoned houses. The ordinances need to be thoroughly read to ensure legality. The City needs to know what the process is for taking down abandoned homes. Fire Chief Baumgartel will be consulted about demolition possibilities. Kierl would like to have access to the violation letter so that he can distribute things as needed.

November’s minutes were reviewed. Councilman Wiss made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Warren 2nd. The motion passed 5-0.

November’s Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Councilman Robert made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Noll 2nd. The motion passed 5-0

The monthly bills were reviewed. Councilman Riggs made a motion to approve the bills. Councilman Noll 2nd the motion. The motion passed 5-0

Treasurer Cindy Frakes was absent. City Clerk Myers gave the treasurer’s report. Councilman Robert made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Councilman Wiss 2nd. The motion passed 5-0

Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt gave the Water Superintendent’s Report. Schmidt stated that Romans is working well on getting the city streets taken care of. Some of the city’s equipment will need new cutting edges soon. Schmidt plans on having 3 loads of AB-3 hauled to west market street on 12/08/2020. The road has been rebuilt and is now in need of resurfacing. The roadways at Southlawn cemetery have been worked on and are in decent shape. The roadways at Twingroves also need to be taken care of.

The water heater at the city building went out and caused minor flooding in the men’s bathroom and the front office. Schmidt got the water removed and has since replaced the water heater. The original water heater was a 30 gallon. The replacement is a 20 gallon.

The sewer near the north lift station had a blockage. Schmidt was able to get the blockage dealt with before the pump at the lift station was damaged.

Schmidt informed the council that it would be helpful to have forks for the backhoe. The council agreed it would be a good idea.

The water pump on the city truck went out. Kalaeb Bratton, and contract employee of LT Services, will be fixing the truck.

EBH engineering has plans on APAC being at the water plant on December 14th to start work. They foresee having what KDHE requires completed by December 31st.

Schmidt was able to get the Salt Creek pump removed from the backup water supply well removed. The pump needs work done to be operational. Schmidt is having trouble finding parts for the pump due to it being outdated.

Romans will take over meter reading starting the month of December.

Schmidt discussed the possibility of purchasing a golf cart for the purpose of reading meters. The council thought it was a good idea.

City Clerk Myers informed the council of the training that Shayla Knight, who was hired to replace Myers, will need training in numerous software platforms. The council told Myers to set up any training that was needed to ensure Knight was trained quickly and adequately.

The customer overage issues were not directly discussed. It was stated that Schmidt should talk to Mayor Eubank.

Councilman Robert made a motion to go into executive session at 7:58 pm for 15 minutes to discuss Christmas bonuses for the city employees. Councilman Noll 2nd the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Regular session resumed at 8:13 pm. No decisions were made

Councilman Robert made a motion to go into executive session at 8:13 pm for 5 minutes to discuss Christmas bonuses for the city employees. Councilman Noll 2nd the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Regular session resumed at 8:18 pm. No decisions were made.

Councilman Riggs made a motion to give full-time employees a $100 bonus and part-time employees a $50 bonus. Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The motion passed 5-0

Councilman Wiss stated her appreciation to Lyle Riggs for the donation of the new Christmas tree for the City.

Councilman Riggs informed Schmidt that the electrical board behind the city building is separating from the building. Schmidt stated that he would fix the issue. The garbage truck operator told Riggs that he was happy with the pads that were being made for the dumpsters. Riggs would like to build a liquid calcium distribution system to help on dust issues from the roads. Riggs would also like to check all the culverts around town to find any issues. He would like to get any issues taken care of before the rainy season comes.

Councilman Robert stated that he would Schmidt to check Joseph Draper’s meter reading to see if there might be a leak. Schmidt stated he would do that the next day. Robert also wanted to let it be known that the last farmers to families delivery for 2020 will be on December 19th.

Councilman Robert made a Motion to adjourn. Councilman Riggs 2nd. The motion passed 5-0