

CITY OF SEVERY

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

JULY 6, 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, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt, and City Attorney Alleen VanBebber (via zoom)

Guest: Robin Wunderlich and Kristina Kraft (via zoom)

Absent: Treasurer Casandra Myers, Councilman Kevin Klepper, and Code Enforcement Officer Ken Kierl

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

Kraft moved to approve the June 2023 minutes. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Robert moved to approve the June 2023 bills. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Riggs moved to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt gave a report on a few water meters that have started to fail. The City water pump is still on back order. Schmidt stated the water usage has been extremely high due to pools, highway construction and farm fields getting sprayed. He also noted the employees did some cemetery grave fill ins. The City also has been mowing yards that are not in compliance. One property was mowed that had 6 lots. The landowner's mail is being returned as non-deliverable. Clerk Riggs questioned if she sends the invoice out again since the mail is coming back undeliverable. City Attorney VanBebber stated that the invoice still needs to be mailed to the last known address and, if payment is not received, Clerk Riggs would apply the amount to the landowner's property taxes.

Under old business, the property at 302 N. Kansas Ave was discussed. At its last meeting, the City gave the owners until June 15, 2023, to have the property back in compliance. Warren moved to have the clerk and code enforcement officer proceed with letters to the tenant and homeowners to enforce the violation. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Under new business, Clerk Riggs mentioned that City Attorney VanBebber informed her regarding a grant for small towns on sewer and water infrastructure. Clerk Riggs got the grant pre application form filled out and turned in to KDHE by the June 30th deadline. Things requested from this grant included a backup backwash pump that the state is requiring the City to have shelved and a generator for emergency backup.

The current utility billing software is in need of an update. Robert moved to table this item until the Council receives more information. Warren 2nd. Passed 4-0.

Clerk Riggs presented the Council with two quotes for a lawn mower. The current mower is 10 years old with a lot of hours on it, and it is starting to cause some repairs. Robert moved to table this item until after Treasurer Myers gets more information. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Riggs contacted Pro Seal regarding Kansas Avenue Street repair. Riggs would like to see the roundabout to 15th Street done with the millings the City just received. For ½ mile, Pro Seal could apply the rejuvenator to the street for \$2,500. Riggs also stated that the City would need to rent a road grader, as the City grader is not reliable for a situation like this. Clerk Riggs presented the Council with a quote from Foley Equipment for a road grader rental program that has an option of renting for one day, one week or one month. Foley would also be able to deliver the equipment. Riggs offered his dump truck and possibly a tractor. Riggs stated that the work would be performed on a Saturday afternoon after the Coop closes. One of the main issues will be to keep citizens from driving on the road while the work is being performed and the application dries. Riggs moved to accept the rental quote as presented, and then amended the motion to search for a less costly company if the road grader with foley Equipment is not available at the time. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 4-0. Warren moved to go with Foley Equipment for rental insurance. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Robert moved to enter another 5-year contract with Caterpillar for service on the City backhoe. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney VanBebber presented drafted Resolution 2023-4 for the price increase for Ordinance 431. Kraft moved to approve the Resolution. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Riggs moved to approve Tuesday, July 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m., for Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips, PA to present the proposed budget. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Warren moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss a litigation matter with the City Attorney @ 8:30 p.m. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular session resumed at 8:50 p.m. No action was taken.

Warren moved to adjourn the meeting. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.