

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 5, 2025
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

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

Guests: Mike Younger, Ed Cornett, Bryan Hampton and Robin Wunderlich

Mayor Wiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was cited and roll called.

Warren moved to go into executive session to consult with the city attorney on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege for 25 minutes and include EBH Engineer Mike Younger and Clerk Riggs. EBH Engineer Younger left the executive session at 7:32 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken.

EBH Engineer Mike Younger presented the council with the facts the water plant was completed as of April 18, 2025, and it was within budget. As soon as the new meter is installed, EBH and APAC will send the City the final bills to be paid.

Robert moved to approve the change order as presented. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to approve April 16, 2025, special meeting minutes. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to approve the April 2025 regular council meeting minutes. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to approve the April 2025 bills. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to approve the April 2025 treasurer's report. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs noted that Ed Cornett and Councilman Riggs inspected the storm siren. Riggs reported that the siren is not locked up or bad. Riggs also spoke with Chris Carlson earlier in the week and Chris had ordered the sensor and will get it installed.

Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt was absent. Clerk Riggs gave a summary over a few items. There will be 4 cremation burials in May, a sewer pump has been installed, the ball park light has been changed out to a lesser voltage, South Kansas Avenue has some major pot holes that need attention, a pre-hung casing door has been ordered for the water plant, signs need to be ordered

for the water plant for the exhaust and Water Street has been getting millings laid down. Clerk Riggs also stated that there some more millings available but are going quickly.

Warren moved to approve another 500 tons of millings through Frank Bills Trucking. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business.

Clerk Riggs reported the old road grader has had the tires repaired and is needing a battery. The sickle needs brought out of the north shop so it can get listed for sale. Robert moved to purchase a battery for the old road grader. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

West Elk FFA workday is approaching. Clerk Riggs will ask for cookie donations and purchase the food for the kids and workers. There are several areas around the community where the kids will be needed.

Mayor Wiss stated that it has been brought to her attention about doing a memorial baseball tournament each year in memory of former athletic director/coach Dana Taliaferro at Severy Ball Field.

Clerk Riggs reported that the gWorks utility billing software the city uses has migrated as of May 1st to the cloud and has had to learn a whole new system. At this point, the system has a lot of issues that are not worked out on the technological side. She is looking at maybe changing in the future if the support does not improve.

New Business.

Robert noted that Roy Higbee states that when it rains, the creek is backing up on South Street. Robert will follow up with Mr. Higbee.

Councilman Riggs reported the SEK-Coop is wanting to redo their lot and the culvert is plugged. Schmidt will need to get the sewer rodding machine and clean it out.

Kraft moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel and include City Attorney McClendon for a total of 1 hour 15 minutes. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular meeting reconvened. No action was taken.

Kraft moved to go into executive session to consult with attorney for the City on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege for 10 minutes and include Clerk Riggs. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular meeting reconvened. No action was taken.

Robert moved to proceed with McClendon's recommendation on water usage issue. Warren 2nd.
Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

/s/ Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk