

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2025
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Council members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Ron Robert, Kevin Klepper, Rodger Kraft, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Treasurer Madelyn McClendon, City Attorney William McClendon and Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt

Guests: Ed Cornett, Vanessa Harris, Marc Noland and Jennelle Summerow via zoom

Mayor Wiss called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was cited and roll called.

Robert moved to approve the October 6, 2025, special meeting minutes. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to approve the October 6, 2025, regular council meeting minutes. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to approve the October 2025 bills. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to approve the October 2025 treasurer's report as presented. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt gave report on getting a chlorine analyzer for the water plant. Jennelle Summerow explained that the product that Schmidt is using is outdated and difficult to get parts to repair it. Riggs moved to approve chlorine analyzer without tech support. Warren 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Schmidt noted that ditches are getting cleaned out so roads can be done. The cemetery needs rock. Riggs moved to approve 3 loads of AB-3 for South Lawn Cemetery. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Schmidt then stated the Salt Creek Pump needs a new meter and if not fixed by year end, the City will be in violation.

Old Business. Nothing to report on.

New Business.

Vanessa Harris addressed the council regarding a business she plans to open in Severy. Ms. Harris stated she had a liquor store years ago and would like to open it back up. Currently, she will only be selling beer and cigarettes. Ms. Harris has sent in her application with the state and is asking

for the city council to approve a license and a start and end date. Clerk Riggs stated that after reviewing the ordinances for the sale of liquor, Ordinance No. 394 was incorrect on what the city could charge Ms. Harris for her license according to the Kansas Department of Revenue. City Attorney McClendon has drafted Resolution 2025-04 that will need to be voted on if the council does approve Ms. Harris' business.

Warren moved to approve Resolution 2025-04. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 4-1. Robert abstained.

Riggs moved to approve a liquor license to TJ's Liquor with a start date of November 3, 2025 and end date of November 2, 2026. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 4-1. Robert abstained.

Clerk Riggs reminded the council that in the previous month's meeting the council decided to no longer use Kwikom as the company has not provided the service stated in the contract. The Kwikom internet tower lease contract will end on June 30, 2026, and the contract reads that if the city would like to discontinue the service a letter will need to be certified 180 days prior to June 30, 2026. City Attorney McClendon has drafted a letter for the mayor to sign and the clerk to send out in December 2025.

Clerk Riggs reported that in the last few years, the City is spending a lot of money on the sewer and the accountants have noted that there are years the city is barely breaking even. Clerk Riggs stated that the wages, repairs and commodities are more than the city is bringing in on utility bills. Clerk Riggs also noted that the sewer charges have not been increased in 18 years. Warren moved to increase the sewer charge from \$16 to \$25 and do a 3% increase each year after that. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

/s/ Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk