

CITY OF SEVERY  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2024  
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Council Members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Rodger Kraft, Kevin Klepper, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt, Treasurer William McClendon and City Attorney Alleen VanBebber (via zoom)

Absent: Mayor Donna Wiss and Council Member Ron Robert

Guest: Ed Cornett, Roy Higbee, Tamara Higbee and Robin Wunderlich

Council President Marc Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll was called.

Riggs moved to approve the September 5, 2024 special meeting minutes. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Kraft moved to approve the September 2024 regular business meeting minutes. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Klepper moved to approve the September 2024 bills. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Riggs moved to approve the September 2024 treasurer's report. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt reported the diver has installed the varmint pipe to the intake at the lake. The base construction at the water plant is just about completed. The culvert for the sewer lagoon driveway is ready to be installed. The south left station needs a breaker box. The part time employees have been attending water classes to obtain their credits towards water licenses. With construction starting to wrap up, Schmidt will be removing the gun range signs.

Old Business.

Clerk Riggs sent out surveys for the past two years to property owners. All surveys were either returned and answered to the best of the property owners knowledge, returned with unknown information or not returned at all. The ones who did not return a survey was sent another one with a letter explaining why it was important to get the information to the City. The KDHE is now asking for a trifold to be mailed to the properties that did not fill out the survey, the unknown lead and copper status and the properties that have acknowledged they have lead and copper.

New Business.

Guest, Roy Higbee addressed the council regarding his property. He asked if he could be annexed out because he is being taxed for city taxes and county taxes. Mr. Higbee submitted a letter to Clerk

Riggs earlier in the month. VanBebber stated she had read the letter, but it needed to be more detailed. VanBebber also mentioned this was a legal issue and Mr. Higbee should contact his attorney.

Clerk Riggs noted that she sent in \$21,545.01 for special tax assessments to Greenwood County Clerk's Office. \$9,150.00 was assessed for property owners who have not mowed and \$3,395.01 was assessed for delinquent utility bills.

Clerk Riggs reported in the utility ordinance that every October the council needs to be review it for the next years budget.

Clerk Riggs also mentioned that the delinquent utility bills need to be addressed again, but the policy needs to be stricter on customers who are paying only partial payments in order to not get shut off.

Riggs moved to go into executive session at 8:25 p.m. for 10 minutes to consult with the City Attorney on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege and include Treasurer McClendon. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m. No action was taken.

Warren moved to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. for 10 minutes to consult with the City Attorney on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege and include Treasurer McClendon and Clerk Riggs. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Riggs moved to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. for 10 minutes to consult with the City Attorney on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege and include Treasurer McClendon, Clerk Riggs and Water Superintendent Schmidt. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

Kraft moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

/s/ Marc Warren, Council President

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk