

approved minutes
CITY OF ESKRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, October 9, 2017, by Council President Justin Rush at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Tim Wines, Brett Kemble, Cindy Kraus, Tami Bagley and Justin Rush. Mayor Deann Williams was absent.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Wines moved, seconded by T. Bagley to approve the minutes of September 25, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1443. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all yes.

Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk, reported that the Wabaunsee County Economic Development Committee showed interest in having S. Graham be a part of the committee. They meet every third Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. to discuss travel, tourism, housing and infrastructure, business and human relations and other areas regarding Wabaunsee County. It was asked if the council would be okay with closing the office for an hour over lunch for this. The council was for it and it was stated by J. Rush this is a directive and did not need a council vote.

Donna Warren, City Clerk, asked the council if the city was to pay for the 2 vehicles that had to be towed off of the street during the Chip and Seal Project or if the \$213.00 could be withheld from the owner of the vehicles utility deposit. Todd Luckman, City Attorney, stated that he would have to research this issue to see if the city has the right to bill the owners or withhold their deposit. J. Rush suggested the city pay for the bill since the Chip and Seal Project came in under budget and it would save in attorney fees. The rest of the council agreed to pay for the bill.

D. Warren also reported that the neighborhood watch meeting will be October 24th at 7:00 p.m. D. Warren and S. Graham also reported that dogs within city limits are becoming a large issue. There was a written citizen complaint of a vicious dog at 109 Mineral, and several verbal complaints of dogs at other locations chasing people, chasing other dogs, and dogs running around the city. T. Bagley asked if Jessica Mossman, Public Officer has been in contact with anyone regarding her position as Public Officer. D. Warren stated she has not heard from J. Mossman. T.

Wines suggested we advertise for an Animal Control position as well as a Public Officer position.

There were no purchase requests or work orders presented.

Discussion from the September 25th meeting about the Little Free Library was continued. S. Graham followed up with Kimberly Davis to see which location within the park the Little Free Library would go. Kimberly Davis wrote back stating it could be left up to the council members to decide. B. Kemble stated he has not discussed it with the park committee yet. It was discussed having it placed by the Gazebo. A citizen suggested it could be placed by the Veterans Sign or by the curb. T. Wines suggested keeping in mind mowing around it. B. Kemble suggested the council vote on it now and then have Kimberly Davis discuss placement with the Park Committee.

T. Wines moved to approve, seconded by C. Kraus of putting the Little Free Library in the park and having Kimberly Davis correspond with the Park Committee and Mike Bohn, Utility Supervisor, on further details of its location. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen complaints were discussed, a citizen at the lake wrote a formal complaint of a utility worker cutting down part of a hedge bush while reading their gas meter and for not walking on their driveway. T. Bagley commented that the person reading the meters should have full access and should not have to walk where the citizen sees fit. J. Rush suggested the discussion be tabled for when M. Bohn or Jim Weir, Utility Worker, can speak to the issue. T. Luckman read section 15-311 of the City Code. The council decided to table the discussion until the issue can be discussed with M. Bohn or J. Weir.

There were no Mayor/Council concerns or comments.

T. Luckman requested to go into an executive session for attorney client privilege. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to go into executive session for no more than 10 minutes for attorney client privilege. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting continued after executive session. B. Kemble moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Wines. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk

Read and approved this 23rd day of October, 2017.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Attest: Donna J. Warren, Clerk