

CITY OF ESKRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, July 10, 2017, by President Justin Rush at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Tim Wines, Tami Bagley, Cindy Kraus and Justin Rush.

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

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve the minutes of June 26, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:04 p.m. Brett Kemble joined the meeting.

C. Kraus moved, seconded by T. Wines to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1440. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all yes.

Attorney, Todd Luckman, stated the blighted properties to discuss are with property owned by William and Karre Schaefer at 321 Main and 102 Beta.

Discussion on what was left for the Schaefer's to clean up and to be maintained.

T. Bagley moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adopt resolution 071017-1 to allow the Schaefer's to stay in touch with the City employees on their progress.

Department Reports consisted of the Clerk asking to set up interviews for the Deputy Clerk position. It was agreed to set a special meeting before the regular council meeting on Monday July 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Todd Luckman emailed the City Clerk the agreement with Maja, LLC, regarding the old grocery store on Main Street. It is clear in the agreement if we sell within 20 years from 2010 we are required to compensate Maja, LLC, the sum of \$2000.00.

Jerry Lauderback reiterated he read the contract and talked to Matt on the telephone, who is the trustee of his father's estate, Frank Sabatini, Maja LLC. He also spoke with Bertha and she did not have any authority to give anybody information.

Mike Bohn added they have not been ignoring Jerry to escort him around the building to get more measurements to make a more educated offer.

Sam Hamilton reported he was out three of the four days he told the Mayor he would be out patrolling. Sunday the brakes went out of the police truck and he took it up to Bluestem in Alma for repairs.

There were several complaints of private parties Mr. Hamilton had to try to break up. He suggested if the City's attorney can write a letter to the cabin owner who is hosting these parties and does not realize what is going on at this property.

Mike Bohn's department report included work on the server and trust issues have been fixed for now. We are on Mercury Wireless internet for now and will check out the phone system soon and ask to discontinue service with CenturyLink as soon as we know our phone service will work like we want it to.

Mike was disappointed they were not able to get to everything before the Fourth of July holiday but did the best they could with what they had.

Curtis Henderson, CPA, for the City was in attendance to discuss the need to amend the 2017 budget. Increase of transfers and to make necessary adjustments to budgetary authority.

T. Bagley moved, seconded by C. Kraus to publish the 2017 amended budget and the 2018 proposed budget in the Signal Enterprise Thursday, July 13th issue for a budget hearing on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Curtis asked where the habit of keeping a surplus in the gas fund began and how you would determine what is surplus. It was a consensus that maybe it was regulated by the KCC to have them put into Certificates of Deposit.

Mike Bohn reported that we were denied the USDA Sewer project from Austin with Rural Development.

J. Rush was asking Curtis if there were any funds to transfer for the Park projects in the City and at the Lake.

A question to determine the vacating of alleys in the City was asked and the attorney offered by looking at the tract index with the register of deeds at the county to determine this.

Jeff Hardiek's request to replace the deteriorating pump house on his property at 270 Ponderosa Drive, Lake Wabaunsee was re-visited from June 26th meeting.

B. Kemble moved, seconded by T. Wines to approve the building of the shed in the same blueprint board for board. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:00 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed unanimously.

Read and approved this 24th day of July, 2017.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Attest: Donna J. Warren, Clerk