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CITY OF ESKRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, September 11, 2017, by Mayor Williams at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

T. Wines moved, seconded by T. Bagley to approve the minutes of August 28, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Rush to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1442. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all yes.

There were no public concerns or comments.

Mike Bohn emailed his department report to all council members. This helps council members if there are any questions and also cuts down on time spent at the meetings.

Discussion on Curtis Henderson's email he sent to the Clerk & Mayor providing details on his invoices totaling \$2600.

There was no action taken to go ahead and pay this invoice.

Purchase request for a new check valve assembly for the sewer lift station pump from Enviro-Line Company, Inc. at \$1,788.60. Justin asked if we can have our old pump re-built to have a backup. Mike explained the design head and the pump test may have a design flaw. The current pump and valve are rebuilt motors by Topeka Electric Motors and should be good for a while.

J. Rush moved, seconded by T. Wines to approve the purchase of a new check valve assembly from Enviro-Line Company, Inc. for \$1,788.60. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a lease to purchase agreement for the utility vehicle to defer payment until 2018 with the lowest bid from John North Ford, Emporia, Kansas, for \$39,783.00.

J. Rush moved, seconded by T. Wines, to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Flint Hills Bank of Eskridge contingent upon John North Ford honoring the bid for \$39,783.00. T. Wines, T. Bagley and J. Rush voted yes and B. Kemble voted no. Motion passed.

The Eskridge Post Office had contracted work to repair the sidewalk in front of their post office. Mike asked Deann Williams if we could have them replace the curbing while replacing their concrete for \$1,940.00 for the City of Eskridge.

B. Kemble moved, seconded by J. Rush, to approve the replacement of the curb and guttering in front of the Post Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Dolly Mercer explained she is organizing a neighborhood watch in the City of Eskridge and is encouraging the public to sign up at one of the businesses. The Sheriff will be here in October to have a public meeting with the interested people.

Dolly requested to have this posted on the City's website.

A discussion on the written agreement with Prairie Wind Apartments to the City of Eskridge for an interest free loan to repay the advanced amount by the 15th of each month and at least 5% of the outstanding funds advanced.

J. Rush moved, seconded by T. Bagley to approve the advancement of up to \$1,000 to Prairie Wind Apartments.

Corrina Romine was here to talk about the Annual Fall Festival which will be held Saturday, October 28th. She asked the council how much they would like to donate.

Tim Wines asked Corrina what she does for fund raisers throughout the year and she commented they work the Mission Valley concession stand which is very nice so there isn't any risk of losing money.

J. Rush moved to donate \$1,000.00 to the Fall Festival same as last year. Motion died for lack of a second.

T. Wines moved, seconded by T. Bagley, to donate \$750.00. Motion passed unanimously.

David Dunbar had a positive report about a couple from France riding their motorcycle across the United States on the back roads they googled campsites in the area and Lake Wabaunsee was chosen.

His name is Michael Mark, and is all over You-tube, he rides across continents and documents their rides.

Dave said the I70 Bass Club asked to hold a large mouth bass tournament on Saturday, September 23rd at Lake Wabaunsee. Dave asked it not be a typical fish tournament. He wants to hold an overall weight tournament with the largest amount of fish weighed in. This will help thin out the overstock in the Lake. Also any leftover fish can be donated for a free fish fry.

The Bass Club wanted to ask if the City would lower the one day fee for boats, fishing permits and inspection for the tournament.

T. Bagley moved, seconded by T. Wines, to make it a \$15 flat fee per team. T. Wines, T. Bagley and J. Rush voted yes, B. Kemble voted no. Motion passed.

There was a lake resident who paid for a yearly boat permit but asked for the discount to be refunded due to it being late in the season.

Mayor Williams directed Dave to have this person write a letter stating their request to the City.

Attorney, Todd Luckman, commented he was not able to continue with blighted properties until the Public Officer comes back to work.

T. Bagley moved to terminate Jessica Mossman and advertise the position. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Luckman asked if you had anyone in mind to appoint. T. Bagley suggested Brett Kemble. Mr. Luckman stated that if you are on the council you cannot be a City employee.

B. Kemble suggested that we direct her to work a minimum of 10 hours a week so we can move forward with our Public Officer issues.

T. Bagley moved to ask her to please come in and state why she is not able to work. T. Bagley withdrew her motion.

T. Wines feels we need to communicate more with the Public Officer since she was doing a very good job in the past. It was the consensus of the Council to have

the City Clerk send a letter and have her attend the next Council meeting Monday, September 25th.

B. Kemble asked how many people owe the City for their utilities. Mike stated we do not have anybody turning their utilities back on or tampering with their meters like we did last year.

Mr. Luckman suggested to file any past due amounts with the State of Kansas and utilize the offset taxes program.

Mike gave an update on the blighted property that will be cleaned up by city employees. Mike will make sure the county sheriff is available in person while this takes place.

A letter from our attorney was sent to renters at 505 S. Main and owner Diane Ingram stating they are in violation of Code Section 8-509.

T. Wines moved, seconded by B. Kemble to accept Debra Swanek's resignation as Animal Control Officer, effective today. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams stated she will not be at the next council meeting on the 25th.

At 8:53 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Rush to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Donna J. Warren, Clerk

Read and approved this 25th day of September, 2017.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Attest: Donna J. Warren, Clerk