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CITY OF ESKRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, September 25, 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 and Justin Rush. Mayor Deann Williams and Tami Bagley were absent.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adopt the agenda as presented with the dock transfer removed from the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Wines moved, seconded by B. Kemble to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Kemble moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1442. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all yes.

A public concern was presented that the grass and weeds growing in the lake seems to be more prevalent in the last couple of years. It was questioned if there were any plans in place to reduce the growth. T. Wines suggested we ask the specialists from the fish survey if Grass Carp would help. Another citizen suggested a small combine that they have seen on other lakes to gather the grass and weeds. T. Wines answered that he would contact the specialists who completed the fish survey to get their comments on adding Grass Carp to the lake. No other public concerns were mentioned.

Mike Bohn, Utility Supervisor, reported on monitoring and the upcoming sampling and testing of the water. Lead and copper testing is finished and passed all over town. The road project was completed and went very well. The clean-up of 102 Beta and 314 Main also was completed with no issues.

Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk, reported that training with Donna Warren, Clerk, is going good.

M. Bohn presented a purchase request for a street and curb sweeper attachment for the loader to keep the streets clean, with funds coming from the savings from the street project.

B. Kemble moved to purchase the street sweeper, seconded by T. Wines. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Kemble moved to approve the payment for CPA, Curtis Henderson. It was seconded by T. Wines. Motion passed unanimously.

Two new CPA proposals were discussed. It was suggested by Todd Luckman, City Attorney, to check with other City Clerks on their performance. C. Kraus requested a report that showed a breakdown of how much Curtis Henderson and John Welsh, auditor, was charging us over the last few years for comparison purposes. J. Rush suggested it would be beneficial to see if any CPA's would be willing to give a presentation to the council in person. It was requested to bring more proposals before the council made their decision.

A letter that was sent to the council members from Kimberly Davis was discussed about putting a little free library in the community park. J. Rush and C. Kraus both commented that this was a great idea. C. Kraus mentioned she would be worried about the destruction of it. T. Wines suggested it might be better to place it by the fire station. B. Kemble asked where in the park this would be located, S. Graham answered that we could ask. S. Graham asked B. Kemble if he wanted to ask the park committee their thoughts on it. The discussion was tabled to talk to the park committee and ask Kimberly Davis where she would like it placed.

There was discussion about the CenturyLink easement for CenturyLink to put fiber optic cable on city property on the South side of the lake to help speed up internet. T. Wines said he liked the idea if they paid for T. Luckman's bill to draw up the easement and provide free wireless internet to the campsites.

C. Kraus moved to approve T. Luckman to draft the easement with CenturyLink paying for the fees. It was seconded by T. Wines. Motion passed unanimously.

It was discussed that perhaps later on we could look into free wireless internet for the campsites by putting in a larger router at the bait shop.

M. Bohn asked J. Rush if he was planning on going to the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency, KMGA, annual meeting on October 19th and 20th in Wichita. It was discussed M. Bohn might go to some break-out sessions. C. Kraus asked if there were any fees, M. Bohn said break-out sessions have no fee. It was tabled for discussion closer to the dates.

At 8:20 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by B. Kemble to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk

Read and approved this 9th day of October, 2017.

Deann Williams, Mayor

Attest: Donna J. Warren, Clerk