

October 9, 2017

The Ellsworth City Council met in regular session on the above date at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor John Whitmer called the meeting to order. Council members present were Mark Kennedy, Ryan Peschka, Stephen Magette, Wayne Scritchfield and Mary Soukup.

Also, in attendance were Scott Moore, Administrator; Carey Hipp, Attorney; Emil Halfhill, Chief of Police; Linda Denning, Ellsworth County Independent Reporter; Alan Stefek, Mayor-Elect; Terry Kepka and Cee Heller, Kiwanis Club Splash Park Committee and Skylar Dolezal.

Kennedy motioned to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the April 27 & May 8, 2017 meetings, Claims Ordinance A01-0917, and the minutes of the August 16 & September 27, 2017 Planning Commission meetings. Soukup seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried.

The Good Samaritan Final Re-subdivision Plat Approval request was tabled.

Peschka motioned to direct the Chief of Police and the Health Inspector to conduct a thorough investigation of the property located at 215 W. Third Street to determine if health and safety violations exist. Scritchfield seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried. A report will be submitted following the inspection.

Kennedy motioned to authorize the Administrator to accept a bid from Yost Electric, Inc. to upgrade 6 well pump house's internal and external configurations in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Peschka seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried.

Council took no action on a request from the Kiwanis Club Splash Park Committee to endorse the "150th Commemorative Brick Paver" initiative; nor to authorize voluntary pledges to support the effort be added to Utility Bills.

Halfhill apprised Council of various activities within his department and stated the need for a server dedicated to the Police Department.

Moore informed Council work is scheduled to begin soon on the airport access road, a representative from Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing (KDOC&H) will conduct a site visit of the proposed project area for the Neighborhood Rehabilitation Grant on October 17th at 2:00 P.M. Interviews for the Smoky Hill Development Corporation (SHDC) Director will occur this week. Moore is hopeful cities within the County will be more able to work with the Ellsworth County Commissioners to develop a strategic plan that works best for all.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until October 23, 2017.

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City Clerk

October 23, 2017

In the absence of Mayor John Whitmer, Council President Mark Kennedy called the recessed meeting to order. Members present were Ryan Peschka, Stephen Magette, Wayne Scritchfield and Mary Soukup.

Also, in attendance were Carey Hipp, Attorney; Emil Halfhill, Chief of Police; Alan Roush and Vince Hancock, Ellsworth County Independent Reporter.

The clerk presented 6 requests for extensions of Water/Sewer Terminations. Magette motioned to approve the extensions. Soukup seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried.

Peschka motioned to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the May 8th & 22nd, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes and the October 7, 2017 Airport Advisory Board Minutes. Scritchfield seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried.

Roush introduced Hancock as a new reporter for the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter.

The Good Samaritan Final Re-subdivision Plat approval was tabled to allow for further research and an update of the Plat.

Magette motioned to authorize the Administrator to sign the Greater Salina Community Foundation's Heartland Housing Project Fund Pass-Through Fund Memorandum. Peschka seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried.

Scritchfield motioned to authorize the Mayor, Clerk and Administrator to sign the Ellsworth Moderate Income Housing Development Agreement with Joiner Construction, Inc. Peschka seconded the motion. When put to vote all vote aye. Motion carried.

Halfhill reported on actives in his department. Currently access to the house at 215 W. Third Street has not taken place. He continues to request entry from the owner.

Scritchfield reported the progress being made on the Airport Access Road Project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 13, 2017.

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