**City Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**October 5th, Council Meeting , 2021**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Schoonover.

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Schoonover, , Councilman Becker, Councilman Klos, Councilwoman Abel, and Attorney Miller.

Absent: Council President Dauner

Councilman Tyler

Sheriff Jacobs absent. Wants to table parking signs until November meeting.

Nancy Marihugh – All counties in Kansas showing a surge in COVID. Still giving COVID shots. Most all cases are the Delta variant. Health Department does have the capability to rapid test. Lots of speculation on booster shots. Had sixteen breakthrough cases of COVID, mostly mild symptoms. Flu clinic on October 12th.

Councilman Klos motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Two absent.

Council not happy with payment plan for active delinquent accounts. Administrator informed council a lot of money was collected. Council informed Administrator not to do it that way again.

Rob Peschel talking easements for the sale barn and railroad for the future waterline project. Attorney Miller asked the council if they can get the deed.

Administrator presented to council our emergency siren cost to replace. Administrator said it possible to receive county ARPA funds to replace. Councilman Klos motioned to approve, and Councilman Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 and 2 absent.

A business license was mentioned for businesses in Mankato. Council said it was not necessary.

Administrator asked for approval to build a shed and pad for our east lift station. Cost will be approximately $10,550 for the shed and $1,700 for the concrete. Attorney Miller mentioned that the city will need to acquire permission form Richard Colson since a portion of the lift station property is owned by Richard Colson. Councilman Becker motioned to approve the pad and building when the city gets approval from Richard Colson. Councilman Klos seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with two absent.

Motion was approved to approve George Hennions CMB Special event license for November 13th and 14th of November. Councilman Klos motioned to approve the CMB license and Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with two absent.

Councilman Becker and Councilwoman Abel was concerned that our trucks are seen riding on the streets without a perceived destination. Administrator informed them they are checking the streets, utility access holes, meters, or vegetation, and does not believe they are joyriding. Councilman Becker said vehicles may need to be equipped with a tracking device.

Councilman Becker mentioned trimming trees on the corner of Waters and Jefferson. Administrator informed Councilman Becker that was completed. Councilman Becker mentioned that there are low hanging trees on several streets that can damage vehicles. Administrator informed Councilman Becker that will be taken care of.

Administrator introduced a memo for all staff to get pay raises. Councilman Becker was not comfortable giving Jim Zadina a larger pay raise than Matthew Badger.

Council informed Administrator that all employee evaluations are due by the end of February. Administrator will make it happen. In addition, Councilman Klos would like to see a pay scale in place and approved by council by the next evaluation period. Administrator will reach out to other Kansas municipalities.

Councilman Becker motioned to approve the pay increases and Councilman Klos seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with two absent.

Pay raises for the following were approved; Move Matt Badger from $24/hour to $28/hour, Marvin McCormick from $35/hour to $37/hour, Jim Zadina from $27/hour to $28/hour, Kyle Pierce from $15/hour to $20 per hour, move Hunter Kohler from $25/hour to $30/hour, move Stephanie Mendez from part-time to fulltime at $13/hour, Sharon McCormick from $17/hour to $20/hour in December, Liz Sattholf from $12/hour to $13.50/hour and Carol Wakefield from $75/month to $100/month.

Meeting Adjourned

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