

Unapproved Minutes
CITY OF ESKRIDGE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order by Mayor Deann Williams at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by Cindy Kraus, Joe Wayman, Justin Rush and Tim Wines. Brett Kemble was absent.

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

T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Wayman to approve the minutes of December 22, 2014 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Kraus moved, seconded by T. Wines to approve Appropriation Ordinance #1410. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Brett Kemble arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Leslie Wines approached the council asking for a donation for the 2015 Mission Valley After-Prom party. Following discussion J. Rush moved, seconded by C. Kraus to donate \$500. Motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Dudley spoke to the council about the annual Gravel Ride for Maisie's Pride to be held May 9th. He is anticipating approximately 200 bike riders for this year's event which will start at the Pride Community Center. He is asking permission for the participants to camp in the City Park the night of May 8th and also asked permission for consumption of beer on the premises. T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Wayman to authorize the use of the park property for the activities requested by the Gravel Ride for Maisie's Pride. Motion passed unanimously.

Dolly Mercer asked about the ordinance pertaining to the keeping of animals in the city limits.

Jim Bruner was in attendance to address the council about his property at 305 E. 1st Street. Jim continues to make progress as the weather allows. J. Wayman moved, seconded by C. Kraus to continue the hearing to February 9, 2015 at which time the property will be visited again.

Jon Taylor gave his department report

Jon submitted 2 purchase requests. The first is from Grainger for a hose reel for the compressor. T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Rush to purchase the reel from Grainger's and allow up to \$315.00. Motion carried.

Jon also drafted a sketch depicting the area around the intakes where a safety barrier will be placed. Jon's price estimates for the supplies and labor total \$4214.72. Placement of signs was also discussed. J. Wayman moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve the purchase of materials and supplies for the barrier. Motion carried.

At this time the hearing for the blighted property at 116 and 119 Main Street was opened. The property owner did not respond. The council discussed possible remedies to the properties. The city attorney will draft a letter to the defendant indicating the public officer will make an inspection of the property for abatement of the nuisance and report to the council.

The mayor closed the hearing.

Boat and camping fees for the 2015 season were discussed. The city clerk distributed a comparison of fees collected over the past 9 years. The council considered reverting to the previous fee schedule with the possibility of pro-rating the flat fee after a certain date. Council members Justin Rush and Tim Wines will work on the rates and submit a proposal at the next meeting.

The city clerk compiled the costs of the repairs/improvements to the intakes and presented the information to the council. Most all materials and supplies have been purchased, with a few exceptions. The remainder of the work will not be completed until spring. To date, the total expenditures are \$74,636.75. C. Kraus moved, seconded by T. Wines to bill the expenses directly to LWID and Osage County Rural Water District for their share of the costs. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Blodgett submitted a proposal to the council regarding the blighted property at 103 E. 5th Avenue. In exchange for the trailer, metal building, and chain link fence, he will remove all items and clear the lot of all debris at no charge to the City of Eskridge. B. Kemble moved, seconded by T. Wines to allow D. Blodgett to remove the items upon the expiration of the 30 day waiting period from time of publication and to abate the nuisance within 30 days. An extension of time can be granted by further action of the council if necessary. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Wines has spoken to an individual interested in trapping beavers at Lake Wabaunsee. The traps will be fully submerged under water to lower the risk of other animals being caught by mistake. Following discussion T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Wayman to hire Charles Bradford to trap beavers and pay \$15 per animal plus waive the permit fee for his non-motorized watercraft. Motion carried 4 ayes, B. Kemble voting nay.

At 9:03 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the attorney present for 10 minutes and reconvene at 9:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:13 p.m. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to extend executive session for 10 minutes and reconvene at 9:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:23 p.m. open meeting convened.

Under council comments and concerns, Mayor Williams appointed Joe Wayman to the Water/Wastewater Department and Brett Kemble to Streets and Alleys.

Personnel forms were also discussed; Request for Leave, Daily Log Sheets, and Time Sheets.

At 9:34 p.m. being no further business to conduct, T. Wines moved, seconded by J. Rush to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa K. Cernich
City Clerk