

Unapproved Minutes
CITY OF ESKRIDGE
Regular CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, February 23, 2015 by Mayor Deann Williams at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by Brett Kemble, Cindy Kraus, and Tim Wines. Justin Rush and Joe Wayman were absent

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

T. Wines moved, seconded by B. Kemble to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve additions to Appropriation Ordinance #1411. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Drew reported there are problems with the pumps at the sewer lift station and has ordered a replacement at the cost of \$5800.00.

Jon Taylor submitted purchase requests to attend training and renew membership dues. T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to approve the expense for 3 day training in Emporia for \$60 and renew membership to Capitol Area Major Case Squad for 2015 for \$15. Motion passed unanimously.

Alexander Pump & Service estimate was briefly discussed. Josh and Jack Kramer visited with Jon regarding the VFD controls and offered their opinion. Jon is to obtain a different estimate from Alexander's to discuss at the next meeting.

Mike obtained a price on a maintenance plan for the generator at the water plant from Foley Equipment. The service plan would cover preventive maintenance 2 times per year at \$351.00 per trip. Jon and Mike both feel twice a year is not necessary and the council requested information for an annual inspection. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

David Niedfeldt, representing LWID, addressed the council regarding the contract to purchase water from the City of Eskridge. Significant capital improvements to the water distribution system cost the city \$74,637 with LWID and Osage County RWD #8 contributing 23.4 and 22.8 percent respectively. David is requesting to modify the current contract from a guaranteed 75 gallon per minute to 30 gallon per minute which would decrease their responsibility to 9% for future capital improvements. Kramer's recommendation does not favor this reduction. The city clerk was asked to do some calculations and report back to the council.

Mike Bohn presented a report to the council on the regulator and relief stations. During the annual inspection on the stations, one of the regulators failed during testing. These are all original and have been in place since the 1960's. USDI, who performed the inspections, submitted cost estimates for the council to review. Mike has also contacted D. C. & B. Supply. They will be submitting an estimate in the future for the council to review.

Mona Marcotte was in attendance and inquired about expectations at the permit office for the 2015 season. The council explained the change in fee structure but no additional responsibilities. Mona asked if the council had plans to replace the pop cooler which failed last summer. It is the council's opinion the cooler was used for their private concessions and didn't feel it was the responsibility of the city to replace it. Mona also expressed concerns about the lack of response they have had in obtaining part-time help at the permit office for the upcoming season.

The city clerk had distributed a draft ordinance and registration form to the council for review regarding the current animal ordinance and restrictions. The council will make edits to the documents and submit them to the clerk.

The grant right-of-way agreement from Westar was reviewed by the city attorney and he recommended approval. This will grant Westar permission to cross city property to install overhead electric to a new building being constructed by LWID at Lake Wabaunsee. B. Kemble moved, seconded by C. Kraus to execute the Right-Of-Way agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams advised the council the city was not successful in obtaining a grant from the Lewis Humphreys Charitable Trust. T. Wines inquired about a couple of properties around Eskridge; work being done at Bill Ridinger's yard, one of Tom Ballou's buildings, and the trailer that was located at 103 W. 5th Avenue. B. Kemble advised someone was inquiring about the property at 408 E. 2nd Street. The public officer will place a placard at the property advising the property is unfit and scheduled for demolition. Brett also inquired if the city would like to renew the Eskridge Chamber of Commerce membership dues for \$20 per year.

T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to renew the 2015 membership dues. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams advised the council several organizations from Mission Valley will be decorating Main Street in awareness of the upcoming Wabaunsee County Relay for Life scheduled for March 6 and 7.

At 8:50 T. Wines moved, seconded by B. Kemble to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes and reconvene at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The open meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Upon resuming open meeting the mayor advised city employees that under IRS rules, the use of city vehicles to commute to and from work is a taxable benefit. There are a few more details to work out and the attorney will provide additional information at the next meeting.

At 9:20 p.m. being no further business to conduct, T. Wines moved, seconded by C. Kraus to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa K. Cernich, City Clerk