

CITY OF SEVERY
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2024
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Council Members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Ron Robert, Kevin Klepper, Rodger Kraft (via zoom), Clerk Tessa Riggs, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt, Code Enforcement Officer John Plonka, Treasurer William McClendon and City Attorney Alleen VanBebber (via zoom)

Absent: Mayor Donna Wiss

Guest: Ty Ledford, Jeanna Fout and Robin Wunderlich

Council President Marc Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll was called.

Klepper moved to approve the July 16, 2024 special meeting minutes. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to approve the July 2024 regular council meeting minutes. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to approve the July 2024 bills. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Riggs moved to approve the July 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Code Enforcement Officer John Plonka reported that 6 grass/vegetation letters were sent out in July. Plonka and Mayor Wiss had spoken to the property owner of 310 N. Kansas Avenue regarding demolition. More information will be needed before the City proceeds. Plonka stated that one steer remains on the property of 500 N. Mill.

Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt noted that the water dispenser has been shut down due to limiting water usage at the plant for construction. Schmidt stated that he is waiting on the building crew to finish up. The sewers are still backing up, which is causing problems. The cemetery stones at Twin Groves are needing releveling. The fire department building is up, but not completed. Warren mentioned the diver will be at the lake on Saturday, August 10th around noon to take photos of the intake pipe.

Old Business.

A standard dog and cat registration was sent out to every citizen within the City limits of Severy with the August utility bills.

New Business.

Klepper moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 7:42 p.m. for non-elected personnel with City Attorney VanBebber and city employee Ty Ledford. Riggs 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m. No action was taken.

Clerk Riggs reported that the City received the annual SEK-Coop contract. Last year the City contracted 3,000 gallons. Robert moved to keep the same number of gallons as in 2023 for \$1.75 per gallon. Kraft 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Clerk Riggs mentioned that with the increase of utility bills, the petty cash draw does not have enough change when citizens are paying cash and the bank closes at 3:00 p.m. Riggs requested to increase the petty cash to \$300. Klepper moved to approve to increase the petty cash drawer to \$300. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert requested the City to close Main Street and Kansas Avenue for the Labor Day festivities. Robert also stated that the Severy Community Activities has asked if the City would help pay for half the porta pots as the City has done in the past. Riggs moved to approve the closure of the streets and pay half of the porta pots. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert moved to go into executive session for 55 minutes at 8:10 p.m. to confer with City Attorney on a legal matter with Clerk Riggs and Treasurer McClendon. Klepper 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m. No action was taken.

Clerk Riggs noted that September's meeting was approved at the beginning of the year to be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 due to Labor Day. There will be a Special Meeting on September 5th at 6:00 p.m. for the Revenue Neutral Rate and at 6:30 p.m. for the budget meeting. The regular council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the special meetings will be posted in the window of City Hall and on the city website.

Klepper moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Robert 2nd. Motion passed 5-0.

/s/ Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk