

CITY OF SEVERY  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 6, 2024

7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Mayor Donna Wiss, Council Members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Rodger Kraft, Kevin Klepper, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Treasurer William McClendon and City Attorney Alleen VanBebber (via zoom)

Mayor Wiss called the regular business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll was called.

Robert moved to approve the April 12, 2024 special meeting minutes. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to approve the April 2024 regular meeting minutes. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Warren moved to approve the April 2024 bills. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Klepper moved to approve the April 2024 treasurer's report as presented. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt reported the raw water line is hooked up and waiting on two more parts. Schmidt will pressure test the line tomorrow. Warren noted a scuba diver will be able to come in June. Schmidt stated that a sewer pump went out and he has ordered a new one. Councilman Riggs explained some of the water drainage issues from recent storms. Schmidt will be doing a cemetery grave fill in once the ground dries up from all the rain. Riggs asked about graves in the old part of the cemetery where the family is all deceased and graves have fallen and broken. Schmidt noted that trees work is still be done around town, the fish feeder at the lake has been fixed and a new water meter has been installed at the RV park. Clerk Riggs mentioned she ordered 25 tons of cold patch for street repair.

Old Business. Discussion was had on the purchase of a vacant lot. Clerk Riggs reported that she received documentation on the two grants she applied for in December was not selected but the clerk will try to resubmit the information in

early summer for the next round of money. VanBebber updated the council on the business requirements concerning an individual interested in opening a liquor store. Warren moved to bring Ordinance 394 current to include hard liquor. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-1. Robert opposed. Robert moved to approve the new Waste Connections contract as presented. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business. Clerk Riggs stated the accountants will be asking towards the end of May if the council would like to budget any new items for the fiscal year 2025. Code Enforcement Officer Ken Kierl has given his resignation. Robert moved to accept the code enforcement officer Kierl's resignation and thanked him for everything he had done for the City the past few years. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0. Kraft moved to go into executive session for 40 minutes for non-elected personnel for employee performance with City Attorney VanBebber and Clerk Riggs. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m. No action was taken.

Warren moved to give part time employee Ledford and part time employee Plonka a \$2.00 raise for the remaining of the fiscal year. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Robert moved to appoint John Plonka as Public Code Enforcement Officer for the remainder of the fiscal year as part of his regular job. Klepper 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

Kraft moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 5-0.

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Donna Wiss, Mayor

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Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk