



511 N. Commercial Ave, PO Box 131
Sedgwick, Kansas 67135

Regular City Council Meeting
February 23, 2017

Council Room, City Hall
7:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lynne Vigil

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Thom Noone, Richard Ludowese, Rick Jacob, Kirby Stucky, Carol Berning

CITY STAFF ATTENDING: Janise Enterkin, City Clerk, Brad Jantz, City Attorney, Jennifer Cisneros, Director of Emergency Services, Larry Alexander, Police Chief

ALSO ATTENDING: Pilar Martin, Harvey County Independent, Sam Enterkin, Tom Richardson, Deniece Richardson, Amanda Alexander, Ethan Reimer, Halstead City Administrator, Gary Denny, John Waltner, Harvey County City Administrator, Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Harvey County City Administrator

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Thom Noone to approve the agenda as presented.

SECOND by Rick Jacob

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

1. **Jennifer Cisneros, Director of Emergency Services**, came before City Council to give an update on the City Ambulance service. She reported that the volunteer schedule for March was empty. Joe House and Jim Reed of the Kansas State Board of EMS has been notified and would be notifying the Attorney General. A meeting was held with representatives from Harvey County. The Board of EMS suggested that the City relinquish our license rather than have the state remove it.

2. **John Waltner, Harvey County Administrator**, spoke to Council regarding our volunteer EMS service and Harvey County's involvement if the city relinquishes their license.

- a) The county levies taxes, which are distributed to the ambulance services in Harvey County on a quarterly basis. 1/3 of the 1st Quarter allocation would be returned to Harvey County and the City would not receive an ambulance allocation until the license is renewed.
- b) There is no statute stating that Harvey County has to provide service in our area. If Halstead agrees with a proposal to provide service to the City of Sedgwick area to Meridian, Newton will respond east of Meridian, for a temporary basis.
- c) Harvey County will help to try and come up with a solution, but it is not a problem the County can solve.

3. **Ethan Reimer, Halstead City Administrator**, said there will be discussion with the Halstead City Council and he will communicate any decision made.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Rick Jacob to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2017, Payroll Checks for February 10, 2017, amount of \$13,644.87, General Disbursement Checks amount of \$18,736.58.

SECOND by Carol Berning

MOTION CARRIED

The minutes for the Special Council meeting held on February 18, 2017, were pulled from the Consent Agenda for Council discussion.

MOTION by Richard Ludowese to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held February 18, 2017, as presented.

SECOND by Thom Noone

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Kirby Stucky to relinquish the city's Kansas State Board of EMS license.

SECOND by Richard Ludowese

MOTION CARRIED 4-1. Council Member Rick Jacob voted against the motion.

STAFF REPORT

Brad Jantz, City Attorney:

- a. Water rate preliminary and hopes to have it by March 6th meeting.
- b. Bond Counsel is researching bonds, hope to have something by March 6th.
- c. Financial Advisor will be making a spreadsheet with potential costs.
- d. Farm Lease will be on March 6th agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Request for farm lease for property by East Water Tower – put on March 6th agenda.

c. 501 N. Commercial – no update.

d. Foam Trailer – have not received title.

f. Reconciliation/Audit Update – Mayor Vigil reported that the State Public Finance Director will be present at the March 6th Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Water and Sewer Rates – Council discussed the current rates. Council Member Stucky reported on the deficit in the water and sewer funds and recommends a raise in rates for sewer and water of \$5 for base charges and .25 raise in rates per 1,000 gallons used. Commercial rates should be a different rate structure. City Attorney Jantz will bring a Resolution to Council for approval. Council Member Noone would like it to be a one-time change and keep the 3% annual rate increase. The new rates will be water base rate \$28.50 (1st 1,000 gallons), \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons. Sewer base rate \$30.50 up to 3,000 gallons, \$2.75 per 1,000.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Council Member department updates

1. Council Member Thom Noone gave an update on the search for a generator.

MOTION by Thom Noone to authorize the purchase of a KW generator in the amount of \$18,445.00.

SECOND by Richard Ludowese

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING/DATE REMINDERS

Halstead City Council, Monday, February 27, 2017, 7pm

Harvey County Council of Governments, March 8, 2017, 7am – Breadbasket in Newton

Weather Spotter Meeting, March 9, 6:30pm, Sedgwick Senior Center

SCAC, March 11, 8:30 am – WSU Innovation Campus, Economic Development presentation.

Distressed Property Hearing continued for 416 N. Garfield, Council Meeting, March 20th

Legislative Coffee with Don Schroeder & Carolyn McGinn, April 1, 10 am

Leadership Summit & Mayors Conference, April 21-22, Dodge City, KS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Rick Jacob to adjourn at 9:15 pm

SECOND by Thom Noone

MOTION CARRIED



Janise P. Enterkin, CMC
City Clerk