

**CITY OF NEW STRAWN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 9, 2019**

Present: Mayor Mark Petterson

Council Members:

Richard Croll  
Jeanne Haas  
Gary Haehn  
Rhonda Taylor  
Jim Weeks

Others present:

City Attorney Tom Robrahn  
City Clerk Joni Hernandez  
City Superintendent Ron Parkey  
Zoning Administrator Carl Ware  
County Commissioner Bob Saueressig  
Jennifer Fagan, Republic Services

Patrons present:

None

**Call to Order:** Mayor Mark Petterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Flag Salute:** The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Additions and/or Amendments:**

Under Mayor's Report

- Move from Old Business to Mayor's Report (d.) Republic Services
- Move from (d.) to (e.) Golf Course

Under Street Report

- Add (b.) Drainage

Under Parks & Recreation Report

- Add (a.) Islands
- Add (b.) Playground Equipment
- Add (c.) Christmas Lights

Haehn moved, seconded by Weeks, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Consent Agenda:**

- Move to approve the April 11, 2019 regular council meeting minutes
- Move to approve the warrants dated April 12, 2019 through May 9, 2019 in the amount of \$22,755.30
- Move to approve the April 2019 payroll in the amount of \$11,048.82
- Move to approve Alcohol License for Lakeside Liquors

Weeks moved, seconded by Croll, to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion carried 4-1. (Haas abstained.)**

#### **Financial Reports:**

Haas moved, seconded by Haehn, to approve additional warrants for a total of \$2,069.60. **Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Staff Reports:**

##### **City Superintendent Report**

- City-Wide Cleanup next week
- Horseshoe Pits will be smoothed out after ground dries from rain
- Water samples collected
- Chlorine residual samples
- Water system daily use
- Master meter reading/comparison weekly
- Watch for problems/potential leaks
- Meter readings monthly
- Lagoon samples taken
- BAC-T samples
- KDHE paperwork
- Mowing list prepared
- Drainage checked after each rain
- Removed dirt and clean culverts
- Trimmed trees
- Filled automatic fish feeders
- Feed fish by hand from dock
- Purchased fish feed at Gridley Co-op
- Steven attended two classes for License Renewal
- Weed-eater used in ditched around Park and Community Center

##### **City Clerk Report**

- Business Appreciation Picnic
- Coffey County Taxpayer Open House
- Consumer Confidence Report
- CSB sweep charges refunded
- Election Statute
- Kansas Set-off Program
- Newsletter
- Project Exemption Certificate
- Republic Services – Trash Service
- TrustPoint EMC Insurance Auditor performed Work Comp and General Liability review
- Water Leak Request Update (Paid in full)
- Website

##### **Zoning Administrator's Report**

- Building Permit request from Mark and JoAn Murphy for addition at 316 Navajo
- Planning Commission held public hearing May 1 at 6 p.m. for Special Use Permit request from US Cellular to be erected at southeast corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Road and Hwy. 75
- Annual Review of Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations discussed as required annually

- Recommendations will be presented regarding Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Regulations at June Council Meeting

**City Attorney's Report**

- Policy for Competitive Bidding will be presented at later meeting
- Contacted drafter of code to make reference to Zoning Regulations and Ordinance that refers to Zoning Regulations

**Mayor's Report**

Croll moved, seconded by Haehn to ratify the mayor's appointments and designations as follows:

**2019 MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS & DESIGNATIONS**

City Clerk:	Joni Hernandez
City Treasurer:	Brenda Klubek
City Attorney:	Tom Robrahn
Official City Depository:	Citizens State Bank
Official Newspaper:	The Coffey County Republican
Building Inspector:	Ron Parkey
Zoning Administrator:	Carl Ware
Freedom of Information Act Officer:	Joni Hernandez

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Croll moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the City Council committees for 2019-20 as follows:

**2019 COMMITTEES**

**Community Building:** Richard Croll (Chair), Steven Dwight, Robert Harkrader

**Streets:** Rhonda Taylor (Street Commissioner/Chair), Gary Haehn, Ron Parkey

**Water/Sewer:** Jim Weeks (Water Commissioner/Chair), Richard Croll, Steven Dwight

**Park/Recreation:** Gary Haehn (Rec Commissioner/Chair), Rhonda Taylor, Ron Parkey

**Finance/Economic Development:** Jeanne Haas (Chair), Richard Croll, Mark Petterson

**Public Relations:** Jeanne Haas (Chair), Rhonda Taylor, Joni Hernandez

**Public Safety:** Mark Petterson (Chair), Jim Weeks, Gary Haehn

**Anti-Fraud:** Richard Croll (Chair), Jeanne Haas, Mark Petterson

Taylor moved, seconded by Croll, to ratify the appointment of Dale Williams to a three-year term on the New Strawn Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals effective June 1, 2019 expiring May 31, 2022. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Haas moved, seconded by Croll, to approve the contract renewal of City Attorney Thomas F. Robrahn. (SEE ATTACHED) **Motion carried 5-0.**

Weeks moved, seconded by Croll, to approve Ordinance 2019-03 Establishing 2019 Salaries and repealing Ordinance 2018-04. (SEE ATTACHED) **Motion by a show of hands carried 5-0.**

Jennifer Hagan, Regional Manager of Republic Services, was present to discuss the trash service contract renewal. Polycarts are an option at a future date.

Republic Services Trash Pick-up: Weeks moved, seconded by Haas, to approve contract renewal with Sunset Disposal, Inc., D/B/A Republic Services of Cherryvale from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022. (SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT) **Motion carried 5-0.**

Golf Course: Prairie Winds Golf Course closed December 31, 2018 and is currently for sale. Zoning Administrator Carl Ware addressed the Council to explain that he had been in contact with owner of the golf course, Tammy Baumann regarding subdivision regulations that may be required before acreage can be sold. Carl and the city clerk met with Mrs. Baumann on Monday, May 6. Mike Baumann was on speaker phone. Carl informed them regulations may prevent them from selling in separate portions; however, there is a possible exemption. He, Mrs. Baumann and City Attorney Tom Robrahn met on Wednesday, May 8. It was determined that the City's subdivision regulations exemption makes it permissible for the current owners to sell to adjoining landowners. However, they cannot sell to new owners unless the land is platted, which requires vast work and substantial funds that would be required by Prairie Winds Golf Course owners.

The Council discussed the possibility of trying to keep it as a golf course rather than it being sold as acreage to adjoining property owners; some of whom may be interested in purchasing but perhaps not all, which may pose land-locking issues as well as future issues for the City. They also talked about the problem of maintenance and possible mowing violations.

Discussion also included:

- Budget
- Mowing
- Memberships structured at reasonable prices
- Cart Rental
- Concessions
- Disc Golf
- Foot Golf
- High School Golf Teams
- Cross Country Meets
- Improve cart paths
- Walking trails
- Economic Development
- Public Course - Affiliate Memberships that reciprocate with other public courses
- Partial Mill Levy through BRC
- Asking price not feasible for the City
- City is not in a position to afford golf course operating costs
- Negotiations will be necessary
- New mowing equipment needed
- Public course for county and visitors not just New Strawn residents
- Inquire if Wolf Creek interested in supporting
- Donations
- Volunteers
- Partnership necessary
- Overall in best interest of the community to remain a golf course

It was a consensus of the Council for the mayor to continue to investigate funding and/or partnering with the Burlington Recreation Commission and Coffey County Commissioners and to see if a "reasonable offer" is possible to purchase the golf course. Other donation sources and volunteers opportunities were also mentioned.

The mayor and Council Member Jim Weeks plan to attend Burlington Recreation Commission meeting on May 10 and Coffey County Commissioners meeting on May 13 to discuss obtaining funding. Several factors will be needed in order to keep it as a golf course versus acreage being split and sold separately. He will also contact Bryan Minnis, Chief Development Officer for Great Life Golf.

**Finance and Economic Development Report: N/A**

**Community Building: N/A**

**Utility Report:**

Council Member Weeks reported that Rate Code 4 (Free Water) was added to the April monthly report.

**Street Report:**

Speed Concern: The mayor addressed a resident's concern of motorists driving over the 20 mph speed limit posted on North Arrowhead Drive. There was discussion of requesting the Coffey County Sheriff's office to do an occasional drive through. It was a consensus of the Council to look into setting up a mobile radar detector. Council Member weeks stated he will look into a machine that denotes the speed as a motorist drives to notify him/her. Zoning Administrator Ware commented that those types of signals do help. City Superintendent Parkey will contact National Sign Company and inquire with neighboring City of its experience with this type of sign.

Drainage: Council Member Haehn stated that Richard Newkirk made a request to him to have is culvert cleaned out. The mayor directed the city superintendent to take a look at. He will also look at drainage issues on Huron Circle, Cheyenne Street and Seneca Circle when ground dries from rain.

**Public Relations Report:**

Business Appreciation Picnic: The city clerk and assistant clerk will send out invitations provided by the City of Burlington for the picnic to be co-hosted on Friday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kelley Park.

Farmers Market: Council Member Taylor reported that the Farmers Market will begin the first Wednesday of June from 3-5 p.m. She will also check to see if food trucks will be available.

Strawnfest: Council Member Haas reported that an additional event to be included in Strawnfest will be a turtle race hosted by the New Strawn Branch Library. She is still waiting on response from Burlington High School regarding an arts-type event. The fishing tournament will need volunteers.

**Parks and Rec Report:**

Islands: Council Member Haehn offered to plant rose bushes on the islands in the City Lake or use Pasture Guard for weed control.

Playground Equipment: Council Member Haehn suggested bright-colored paint be used on the existing playground equipment.

Christmas Lights: Council Member Haehn commented that he would like the City to purchase Christmas decorations for a future possibility.

**Public Safety Report: N/A**

**New Business:**

Memorial Day – Veterans Banner Project: It was a consensus of the Council for the Veterans Banners to be displayed from mid-October through November. The city superintendent will contact Lyon-Coffey Electric to coordinate timing.

**Old Business:**

Council Chairs: Taylor moved, seconded by Haas, to approve purchase of six mid-back executive chairs Model 884S-2 from Navrat's Office Products for an amount not to exceed \$795.60 from the Equipment Fund. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Code Enforcement: Taylor moved, seconded by Croll to explore hiring a Code Enforcement Officer for approximately five hours per week with job description passed in 2016. **Motion carried 3-2. (Haas & Haehn opposed)**

Unfit Structures & Nuisances: The Council discussed potential nuisance properties to be continued at next regular council meeting.

- 345 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street
- 238 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- 331 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- 145 N. Industrial Road

League of Kansas Municipalities – Code of Ordinances Manuscript Follow up: City Attorney and City Clerk still working on for May 31 deadline.

**Correspondence**: No action required.

**Other Business**: Haas moved, seconded by Taylor, to have a Special Meeting/Work Session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. Golf Course
2. Code Enforcement Officer
3. Code of Ordinances Manuscript Follow up

**Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Petterson adjourned the meeting at 9:38 pm.