

New Strawn City Council

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023

PRESENT:

Mayor Rhonda Taylor

Council members: Jeanne Haas, David Christiansen, Butch Gilkison and Johnny Hernandez

Absent: Stephanie Baker

Staff: Maintenance Operator Steven Dwight, Special Council Philip Wright, and City Clerk Lana Johnson

Others: Mark Petterson, Wayde Thomsen, Michael Abendroth, Wayne Gudmonson and Greg Holmquist

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES:

ADD: Mayor, e. Generator for Heating and Cooling Center

ADD: Public Relations, b. After 5

Christiansen moved, seconded by Haas, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ADDITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Consent Agenda Items

Minutes: Move to approve meeting minutes of December 8, 2022.

Warrants: Move to approve the Warrants dated December 9, 2022 through January 9, 2023 in the amount of \$68,680.23.

Payroll: Move to approve the December, 2022 Payroll in the amount of \$14,769.46.

OTHER:

- a. Move to approve 2023-C-02 Contractor License for Shoemaker Construction.
- b. Move to approve 2023-C-03 Contractor License for Quality Structures LLC.
- c. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase 1,000 gallons of diesel in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, funds to be taken from General Fund
- d. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase fish food in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, funds to be taken from Special Park Fund
- e. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase cold patch in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund
- f. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase weed killer in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, funds to be taken from General Fund
- g. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase road salt in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$4,000.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund
- h. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase propane in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$800.00, funds to be taken from General Fund
- i. Move to allow Maintenance Operator to purchase gravel/rock in 2023, total cost not to exceed \$500.00, funds to be taken from Special Highway Fund

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen, to approve the consent agenda as printed. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. Abendroth Builders - Mike Abendroth

Michael Abendroth asked the council about possibly selling some or all of the city land located on Sorg St. His interest in the land is to build duplexes on slabs. Council Member Hernandez reported that Scot Jeffers with the USD 244 Recreation Commission mentioned they won't need the city ball fields. Maintenance Operator Dwight will check with KDHE regarding moving the city burn pile. Zoning of the area would need to be changed. This item is tabled until the next council meeting.

- b. KDOT – Wayne Gudmonson, P.E.

Wayne Gudmonson presented a resolution from KDOT Designating City Connecting Links in State Highway System. Special Council Wright advised the council to not take action at this time. Council Member Christiansen thanked Mr. Gudmonson for his time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The council thanked Wayde Thomsen for attending and congratulated him on his new position.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. Additional Warrants – None
- b. Treasurer's Report

Haas moved, seconded by Gilkison to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and print report in the Coffey County Republication by January 31, 2023. Motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Zoning Administrator

Bickley Foster contacted Zoning Administrator Collins and offered training. The council did not approve that training at this time.

Code Enforcement Officer/Public Safety – No Report

Maintenance Operator

- 1" Transfer Pump

Christiansen moved, seconded by Hernandez to approve the purchase of a 1" transfer pump, not to exceed \$600. Funds to be used from Water. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Community Center Furnaces – The furnaces at the community center have needed repairs. Complete replacement should be put in the next budget.

Valnet/Kwikom Equipment – Kwikom purchased Valnet and took over their equipment. They said they didn't take over the Valnet contract so won't pay for the water tower lease for the Valnet equipment on the city water tower. Maintenance Operator Dwight is to contact Kwikom to have the Valnet equipment removed.

ARPA/Core & Main – updated the council on funds spent on the new meters.

Meter Setters – We have 4 new meter connections going in but are running low on meter setters.

Electric – Salthouse, a rough estimate for electric is \$3,500 - \$4,000. Maintenance Operator Dwight will get firm bids.

Haas moved, seconded by Hernandez to use up to \$2,000 out of general funds for security at 3 sites.

Motion carried 3-0. Council Member Christiansen abstained.

City Clerk

4Rivers Electric Coop Capital Credit Refunds \$695.02
\$160.03 Turned Over to the Kansas Set Off Program
Pest Control Quote

Christiansen moved, seconded by Haas to approve the pest control quote from APEX Pest Control for quarterly service at city hall and the community center for \$65 per quarter. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Christiansen moved, seconded by Hernandez to have city hall treated for live termites at a cost of \$5 per lineal foot of treatment with a minimum of \$300. Funds to be used from General. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Coffey County Zoning Meeting January 25, 2023

Community Center Received a \$500 Donation via The Emporia Community Foundation from their Arthur Williamson Fund

Community Building Rentals January 1st Private Event, 17th I.B.E.W., February - 11th New Strawn Library, 21st I.B.E.W

Special Council – No Report

Mayor's Report

- a. 2023 Mayor's Committee Assignments

Move to approve the 2023 Mayor's Committee Assignments and Planning & Zoning Board Assignments as corrected. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- b. GAAP Waiver Resolution 104

K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) requires municipalities to use generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the preparation of their financial statements and reports. Except for community colleges, the governing body of any municipality may waive this statutory GAAP requirement.

Christiansen moved, seconded by Gilkison to approve Resolution No. 104 GAAP Waiver for 2023. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- c. Ordinance No. 2023-01 Establishing 2023 Salaries

Haas moved, seconded by Christiansen to approve Ordinance No. 2023-01 Establishing 2023 Salaries with date correction. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- d. Comprehensive Development Plan Books – are available for Council Members to look at if wanted.
- e. Generator for Heating and Cooling Center – would like to explore the possibility of buying a generator for the Community Center so that facility could be used in case of a emergency. The Coffey County Emergency Management is willing to give a class for the community for emergency preparedness

Finance & Economic Development Report – Jeanne Haas

Year-end finances looks good. There is more money in the General Fund than expected and less in the Water Fund.

Community Building Report – David Christiansen

Maintenance Operator Dwight is installing lights in the south west room. Council Member Christiansen reported that he rented the center for private use and everything looks really good.

Utility Report – Butch Gilkison

Water Usage and Loss Report presented.

Street Report- Rhonda Taylor - None

Public Relations Report- Jeanne Haas

- a. Strawnfest 2023 date and ideas – dates were discussed but nothing decided.
There is a Coffey County Chamber Community Calendar luncheon on January 23rd, Mayor Taylor and Council Member Haas plan to attend.

Parks & Recreation Report - None

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Adjournment:

Christiansen moved, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.