

COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 14, 2021

Present: Mayor Mark Petterson

Council Members: Gary Haehn, Rhonda Taylor, Johnny Hernandez & Jeanne Haas
Absent: Jim Weeks

Staff Present: Martha Newkirk – Zoning Administrator, Steven Dwight - Maintenance Operator,
Lana Johnson – City Clerk, Philip Wright – City Attorney

Others Present: John Waner, Rosie Waner, Bob Saueressig & Sue Haehn

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

Agenda Additions and/or Amendments:

Public Safety change Ordinance 2020-03 to 2021-02.
Public Safety add Ordinance 2021-03 (STO).
Parks add A. Bid for basketball, tennis and pickleball courts.
Parks add B. Repair of horse shoe pit.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Move to approve meeting minutes of September 9, 2021.
- Move to approve the Warrants dated September 7, 2021 through October 12, 2021 in the amount of \$35,794.99.
- Move to approve the September, 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$7,865.51.

Haas moved, seconded by Haehn, to approve the Consent Agenda as printed. **Motion carried 4-0.**

APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Sue Haehn said she had a question from Jim Weeks – could the council use Zoom meetings as Council Member Weeks would not be able to attend meetings for a while. Zoom meetings or a phone call in would work. She also mentioned a building that the concrete was poured 4 – 5 weeks ago, no work on the residence but garage stuff and a boat had been moved in. She stated “according to building regulations he must have a letter of occupancy”. “I feel that he misrepresented himself to everyone, the building is not in compliance”.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- Additional warrants

Haas moved, seconded by Taylor to approve additional warrants of \$734.13. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Staff Reports:

Zoning Administrator Report:

- Not many calls received.
- Would like to respond to Sue Haehn's public comment. There is no time limit to finish a home, they can work on it in phases. It is his building and he should be able to store stuff in it. Council Member Haehn said he should only store building materials in it according to a zoning board member. Zoning Administrator Newkirk reminded Council Member Haehn that zoning board members have no authority outside a board meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer: no report

Maintenance Operator Report:

- If the council plans to replace the current water meters with iPERL Sensus AMR we need to get things going. The current bid is \$78,975.85. The City of Burlington has the same system. Council Member Taylor would like to know about the warranty on the system. Coffey County Commissioner Saueressig mentioned that RWA #3 is replacing meters that the warranty was expired. Steven will see what meters they use.

Haas moved, seconded by Haehn to accept the September 23, 2021 Core & Main bid of \$78,975.85 on the contingency that Steven finds out more on the warranty and quality of meters and to use the 2021 ARPA Grant Funds as down payment. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- Water testing for TTHM and HAA5 came back high. We will be moving to quarterly testing.
- Fuel tank at the shop needs to be replaced. Working on quotes.
- Horseshoe pit repair will take about 4 yards of concrete

Haehn moved seconded by Taylor to spend up to \$1,000 on concrete and materials for horseshoe pit, hole at shop, and fuel tank slab, half of funds from parks and half from general. **Motion carried 4-0.**

- City Wide Cleanup 5 loads of trash was hauled off and 1 load of metal.
- Mulch was delivered today.

City Clerk Report:

- Mowing violation letters sent

October – 12th – New Strawn Library, 17th – Radiant Life Church, 19th – I.E.B.W., 26th – WCNO, 27th New Strawn Library, 30th – NSCIO

November, 1st & 2nd – Election, 3rd - WCNO, 9th – New Strawn Library, 16th I.B.E.W., 20th Private Event

City Attorney Report:

- An email was received from Council Member Weeks at 2:00 pm the day before the council meeting. City Attorney Wright reminded the council that more of a notice is needed if he is to have time to provide information at a meeting. One of Council Member Week's questions was regarding an accessory structure being occupied, this is the same building mentioned in public comments. Zoning regulations states the building in question is not an accessory structure.
- The second question was regarding a residential structure built in the 3-mile extraterritorial but on a commercial lot. The research would take 2 – 5 hours of chargeable time. Does the council want him to chase it? Council Member Taylor asked for more details. City Attorney said it was a home possibly built on a commercial lot. Mayor Petterson said a house had been there, the owner built a new house and tore the old one down. City Attorney Wright – this will kick over to hourly and it might be \$300 to \$1,000 to work on it. Mayor Petterson commented that there are better ways to spend the taxpayer's money.
- The third was regarding a conditional use permit for an auction. City Attorney Wright has addressed this before and won't do it again.
- Again, happy to look into things but it won't happen if it's 24 hours before council meetings.
- Attended Kansas League of Municipalities Conference last Friday – ARPA funds is still an unknown
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Mayor's Report:

- Should have Code Enforcement after November 1st.

Finance and Economic Development: Jeanne Haas

- Updated council of funds and possible transfers

Community Building Report: Johnny Hernandez

- Abendroth not getting back to him on building improvements and would like to get other quotes. Coffey County Library – New Strawn Branch had a good turnout on their last get together at the Community Building.

Utility Report: Jim Weeks – absent

- Maintenance Operator Dwight reported that he can't keep chlorine residual. Burlington didn't do a burnout.

Water Usage & Loss Report

Street Report: Rhonda Taylor

- Hopefully next year the 4th year street cycle can be completed and purchase the salt building.
- Operator Dwight plans to order 2 loads of chat at the beginning of the month.

- Council Member Haehn reported that Colin Sleezer asked of the city council members toured the city after the 5" rain. Mayor Petterson said he had driven around and all of the ditches were full.

Public Relations: Jeanne Haas

- Yard of the Month

Reminded council that the Fall Yard of the Month judging will be October 22 – 24. The winners of Best Fall Decoration and Best Halloween Decoration will each receive a \$20 Casey's gift card.

Haehn moved, seconded by Taylor to participate in Christmas Yard of the Month, 1st place receiving a \$25 gift certificate from Casey's and 2nd through 4th place each receiving a \$20 gift card from Casey's. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Parks and Recreation Report: Gary Haehn

Council Member Haehn presented information from several companies for court resurfacing. He also gave Charlie Whitworth a diagram of the basketball court with KU and K-State colors asking for an estimate after football season. \$2,500 could be a rough estimate and was hoping it could be completed by the first of summer. Operator Dwight had already reported on cost to start repair of the tennis courts. Council Member Haehn is working on pricing for the posts. He reported that nobody wants to lock in a bid on the pickleball courts as they can't get help.

Public Safety Report: Mayor Petterson

Taylor moved, seconded by Haas ADOPT the 2021 Uniform Public Offense Code 2021-02 regulating public offenses within corporate city limit of the City of New Strawn, Kansas; incorporating by reference "Uniform Public Offense Codes for Kansas Cities," Edition 2021; providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance 2020-03. **Motion passed 4-0 by show of hands.**

Hernandez moved, seconded by Taylor to adopt the 2021 Standard Traffic Ordinance 2021-03 regulating traffic within corporate city limit of the City of New Strawn, Kansas; incorporating by reference "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities," Edition 2021; providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance 2019-05. **Motion passed 4-0 by show of hands.**

New Business:

Old Business:

Correspondence: N/A

Mayor Petterson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.