

City Council
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2024

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley, Molly Clement

Also present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Scott Hedrick, Janie Jacobs, Sarah Barnes, Kayleigh Russell, Tim Ekkel, Diane Ekkel, Carina Roybal, Grace Herald, Guerrero Garcia, Scott Hedrick, Chris McMinn

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order. Schmidt made a motion to approve minutes from previous meetings from June 6, 2024 and June 28, 2024. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Schmidt made a motion to approve the purchase orders through consent agenda. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer's and Budget reports were also reviewed with no questions.

Roybal told the Council that DEQ came for inspection. She said there are some things that have to be done for the new DEQ updates are splash pads at each well flush valve, and a chain link fence around the big water tower with a no trespassing signs. The variable speed is installed on Water Well #7 and water samples have been sent in. The lagoons have been mowed and working on weed control for them. Street and alley repairs are being done as able. Sensors have been installed for the pool heater, but heater is not working yet and requires a tech to come look at it. The roof for the Cemetery directory has been replaced. Spraying has been done in the Cemetery road and around the fence. Part time employees are mowing and weed eating. Schmidt and Farley said the ditches being cleaned out and mowed really helped with the recent rains. There are alleys that need to be taken care of by the homeowners, door knockers will be given out to those needed. Roybal said there have been things put in the dumpsters around town that are not allowed, those dumpsters will not be dumped until the items is removed.

Garcia has sent out 18 clean up letters and signed 7 building permits for June 2024. No K-9 report was submitted from Garcia. Hedrick introduced Chris McMinn as an applicant for the Police Department. He told the Council the transmission and exhaust is fixed on the pickup, but would like to get it restriped. An AC kit is needed for the explorer.

Carina Roybal reported new seating will be purchased with grant money from TCEC that was awarded to the Library. Summer reading is off and running well with a great turn out so far. Roybal is a member of the Oklahoma Library Association.

Under old business, Janie Jacobs gave the Council a list of needs including wiring, lighting, a countertop for circulation desk and to sand and finish the door to the hallway. Farley made a motion to move forward with these items. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to approve hiring Grace Herald for Library summer help. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Farley made a motion to approve hiring Skylar Perkins for Library summer help. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Hofferber made a motion to approve hiring Jonathan Lu for Library summer help. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to table the 2007-12 Operation of Golf Carts Upon City Streets for additions to be made by Attorney David Petty by Schmidt. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Schmidt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-2 regarding prohibiting parking in dwelling districts. This ordinance will be limited to parking on a parking space in Residential districts within the City Limits and that parking on grass in those districts are prohibited. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Farley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2 vacating portion of Blackmer Street. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farley made a motion to approve cleaning contract renewal for Misty Lynch. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to approve annual base utility contract of \$979.20 for Hooker Chamber of Commerce. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Farley made a motion to approve annual base utility contract of \$979.20 for Hooker Fights Hunger. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Hofferber made a motion to approve annual base utility contract of \$859.20 for Hooker Senior Citizens. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Under new business, Ekkel's would like to be on the next agenda regarding their building on Highway 54.

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Hoffer made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307.B (1) to discuss employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee regarding the Librarian position. Clement seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. After some discussion between Council and Library board members, Schmidt made a motion to return to open session. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Schmidt made a motion to hire Carina Roybal as Librarian with 6 month probation. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Schmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor