

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2016**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on January 4, 2016, 6:00 P.M., at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Hewitt.

ATTENDANCE **PRESENT:** Council members Mike James; Pete Rogers; Travis Stites; Rod Innes; Lynette Voorhees.

ABSENT: Council member Donna Speake.

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Driggs, Public Works Supervisor; Scott Sage, City Attorney; Tad Felts, reporter KKAN/KQMA; Kirby Ross, reporter Phillips County Review; Shawn Ellenberger; Bruce & Dottie Caldwell; Laura Bogart; Fred Robinson; Angie Wells; Brenda Chance, City Clerk.

**CHICKENS
IN CITY**

Laura Bogart provided the City Council with information concerning the benefits of allowing chickens within the city limits and regulations from other cities. Bogart requested the Council consider changing the current ordinance to allow some chickens in the city limits. Council members James, Stites, and Mayor Hewitt stated they had not been contacted by any residents for the change but had been by some against the change. Discussion followed. Mayor Hewitt stated the Council would not make a decision at this meeting but he would bring it up again at the next meeting to see if the Council wanted to take any action.

Wes Russom arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Council member Speake arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Russom and Caldwells left the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

**CHAMBER &
MAIN STREET
MEMBERSHIP**

Angie Wells asked the Council to renew their investment/membership in Phillipsburg Chamber and Main Street. Wells provided information concerning the organization. Moved by Innes, seconded by Speake, to pay the annual Phillipsburg Chamber and Main Street membership of \$900. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Phillipsburg Chamber and Main Street will begin holding Coffee & Conversation on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These events will be open to all to attend. Chance will attend to answer questions that may come up concerning the City.

Driggs left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Wells left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

CEMETERY

Fred Robinson met with the Council concerning the need to continue with the cemetery stone project. It was the consensus of the Council for Robinson to get information concerning the cost of the project.

Robinson and Bogart left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Stites, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1055-12-15B	Moved by Innes, seconded by Rogers, to approve an ordinance to pay the bills for the month of December. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Statutory majority having voted for this ordinance; the city clerk assigned it ordinance #1055-12-15B.
	Driggs returned to the meeting.
COURT FEES	Chance reported the education fee the State of Kansas assesses on each municipal court fine is going up from \$.50 to \$1.00.
2016 CMB SHOPKO	Moved by James, seconded by Speake, to approve the 2016 Cereal Malt Beverage license for Shopko. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
PUBLIC WORKS	Driggs reported on work being done by the Public Works Department.
QUANZ RESERVOIR	Discussion was held concerning the rehabilitation project for the Quanz Reservoir. Work will include a new floor and top as well as updates to the pumps. The Public Works Department will install valves to allow the east wells to be used while the construction work is being completed. The cost is estimated to be under \$600,000. The project could be ready for construction in the fall of 2016.
AUTO READ METERS	Discussion was held concerning the updating of water meters to allow for automated reading as well as being able to turn meters on and off from the office. Driggs will provide cost justifications for the change to the Council. A presentation of the meter information will be scheduled at a future meeting.
FINANCE	Discussion was held concerning financing of the Quanz Reservoir and auto read meter project with the revolving loan fund. Projects requesting loan funds must be submitted to the KDHE in May.
DANGEROUS STRUCTURES	Driggs reported work on the dangerous structure at 262 Walnut has not begun. Work on the structures at 176 1 st Street and 545 F Street has not been completed. The Council will review the resolutions sent to owners at the next meeting.
	Driggs will be assisting the City of Logan with dangerous structures on his own time.
CINTAS	Cintas has not responded to the letter sent by the city attorney. It was the consensus of the Council that Driggs and the Mayor deliver the uniform shirts to Cintas in Dodge City.
PLANNING	Driggs will ask the Planning Commission to review the parking ordinance again.
WATER	Stites thanked the Public Works Department for their work to fix the water leak on New Year's Eve.
KRWA	Mayor Hewitt and Council member Stites will consider attending the Kansas Rural Water Conference in March along with public works employees.

ADJOURN

Moved by Stites, seconded by Speake, to adjourn the meeting – time 7:30 p.m. Voting
Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Brenda L Chance
Brenda L. Chance, City Clerk