

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 18, 2016**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on April 18, 2016, 6:00 P.M., at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Council President Mike James.

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Patrick Hewitt.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Sage, City Attorney; Tim Driggs, Public Works Supervisor; Shawn Ellenberger; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Jesse Rhea, KKAN/KQMA; Amanda Atkisson; Kyle Unruh, HD Supply; Jeff Krausee, Sensus; Dave Heersink; Nick Kennedy; Wyatt Conrad; Bob Yates; Brenda Chance, City Clerk.

**GLOW RUN 5/21  
ARMORY USE** Amanda Atkisson, representing Phillips County Health Systems, thanked the city and employees for their assistance with previous activities. Atkisson requested use of the armory and city barricades for the Peggy Cole Memorial Glow Run to be held on May 21, 2016. Atkisson requested the fees for the armory be waived with the organization cleaning the facility as they did the previous year. It was the consensus of the Council to allow use of the armory with the fees waived and that Atkisson coordinate the barricade use with Driggs.

Atkisson left at 6:02 p.m.

**SWIM TEAM** Wyatt Conrad requested the Phillipsburg swim team be allowed to use the Aquatic Center for practice and meets. Conrad requested the team be allowed to begin practice on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and utilize the pool Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. The swim league schedule has not been completed at this time but Phillipsburg has requested to hold their home event on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Conrad will notify the city when the date has been confirmed. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the swim team to use the Aquatic Center and Conrad work with Driggs concerning the practice schedule and the swim meet.

Conrad left the meeting.

**WATER METER  
FLEX NET  
SYSTEM** Kyle Unruh and Jeff Krausee presented information concerning the Sensus Iperl meters and the Flex Net reading system. Discussion was held concerning warranties, the equipment needed for the Flex Net System, future technology upgrades, and the potential benefits to the city. A brief discussion was held concerning the possibility of partnering with the Rural Water District to utilize the Flex Net System. The estimated cost of the systems and replacement of all non-Iperl city meters is \$554,356.44. Discussion was held concerning the availability of remote shut off meters. Discussion was held concerning funds available and financing. City staff will provide the Council with additional information concerning the amount of city staff time utilized with the current meter processes. It was the consensus of the Council to continue considering this project.

Unruh, Krausee, Kennedy, and Heersink left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES  
APPROVED

Moved by Innes, seconded by Speake, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE  
#1055-04-16A

Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Rogers, to approve an ordinance to pay the bills for the month of April. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Statutory majority having voted for this ordinance; the city clerk assigned it ordinance #1055-04-16A.

RESOLUTION  
#230  
HAZARD  
MITIGATION

The following resolution was presented to the Council.

**Resolution # 230**

**Adopting the North-Northwest Kansas (Region B) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Whereas**, the City of Phillipsburg, Kansas recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

**Whereas**, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

**Whereas**, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**Whereas**, the City of Phillipsburg fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the North-Northwest Kansas (Region B) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

**Whereas**, the City of Phillipsburg desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the North-Northwest Kansas (Region B) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, adoption by the governing body for the City of Phillipsburg demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

**Whereas**, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that the City of Phillipsburg adopts the North-Northwest Kansas (Region B) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

**Be it further resolved,** the City of Phillipsburg will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval.

Moved by Innes, seconded by Voorhees, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution #230. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

ENGINEER'S  
ESTIMATE  
K.S.A. 14-440

Discussion was held concerning K.S.A. 14-440 which states before the city council shall make any contract for building bridges or sidewalks or for any work on streets, or for any other work or improvement, and estimate of the cost thereof shall be made by the city engineer and submitted to the council; and no contract shall be entered into for any work or improvement for a price exceeding such estimate. It was the consensus of the Council to have the City Attorney prepare a charter ordinance to exempt the city from this requirement.

PUBLIC WORKS

Driggs provided information to the Council concerning the fire hydrant repair class that was held on 4/13 at the city office building with area cities attending. Discussion was held concerning work being done by public works employees. Summer employee interviews are complete.

COMMUNITY  
BUILDING

Driggs informed the Council the offices of the Smoky Hill Foundation will be moving to the former Drivers License Examiner's office in the community building. They will use the facility on Wednesdays and the Phillipsburg Chamber and Main Street will be using the area on Thursdays for Bingo. Driggs reported he had been in contact with an architect concerning the community building. The architect had estimated the cost of a complete renovation of the building to be \$4 million. The architect recommended doing 3 projects over 5 years beginning with roof replacement, then tuck pointing, and then window replacement. He would recommend not following the historical recommendations for window replacement due to the quality of the windows.

LIGHT POLE

The street light pole at 3<sup>rd</sup> and F Street has been moved due to the construction of a sidewalk ramp. Discussion was held concerning the curb and gutter in that area.

AQUATIC  
CENTER

The Aquatic Center therapy/exercise pool was closed for annual maintenance since the water had to be drained. Deb Dreiling had requested approval to have water aerobics at the outdoor pool. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Council for Dreiling to work with Driggs.

CITY OFFICE

The roof at the city office is leaking.

FIRST  
IMPRESSIONS

James provided information to the Council concerning the First Impressions Program Phillips County Economic Development wants to have Phillipsburg participate in. Moved by Speake, seconded by Rogers, to authorize the Mayor to sign the application. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

ADJOURN

Moved by Stites, seconded by Speake, to adjourn – time 8:06 P.M. Voting Aye: ALL.  
Opposed: NONE.

*Brenda L. Chance*  
Brenda L. Chance, City Clerk