

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2017**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on March 20, 2017, 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; Lynette Voorhees; Rod Innes; Travis Stites; Donna Speake.
- ABSENT:** Council member Pete Rogers.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Scott Sage, City Attorney; Tim Driggs, Public Works Supervisor; Jesse Rhea, reporter KKAN/KQMA; Kirby Ross, reporter Phillips County Review; Shawn Ellenberger; Edie Lively; Stan Munyon; Jeremiah Clancy; Tami Sauer; Angie Wells; Colleen Caddy; Sheriff Charlie Radabaugh; Brenda Chance, City Clerk.
- METER INSULATION PAD REPLACEMENT** Discussion was held concerning the foam insulation pads installed in water meter cans by the city. Caddy and Munyon voiced their concern with the city billing for replacement pads when there was no proof of when or who had taken the pad from the meter can or if the pad had been in the meter can. Moved by James, seconded by Innes, to not bill customers for meter insulation pads and refund payments made by those who had been billed. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Discussion was held concerning who owns the meter and billing for new service installation.
- Caddy and Munyon left the meeting.
- LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE** Sheriff Charlie Radabaugh provided information to the Council concerning work done by the department within the city. Discussion was held concerning the use of the 800 radio system.
- BOGART FIREMAN** Fire Chief Clancy recommended the appointment of Benton Bogart as a new fireman. Moved by Innes, seconded by Voorhees, to approve the appointment of Benton Bogart. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- FIRE SCHOOL** Clancy reported a regional fire school will be held in Phillipsburg.
- FIRE 800 RADIOS** Clancy requested the city fund one-half the cost of three 800 system radios for the fire department. The cost of Motorola radios is approximately \$2,500 and Tate radios are approximately \$1,800. Moved by Innes, seconded by Speake, to approve one-half of the purchase of 3 radios from the Fire Equipment Fund with the Rural Fire Board's approval. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- FIRE REPORT** The Rural Fire Department had received funds from the 2016 Anderson Creek fire. The City of Phillipsburg and Phillips County Rural District #1 Fire Departments have received the 2016-2017 Veterans of Foreign Wars District #6 Fire Department of the year as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2016-2017 Outstanding Firefighter Team. The departments were nominated by VFW Post #8873, Stockton, Kansas. Discussion was held concerning the use of lake water for wildfires when the helicopters assist.

Radabaugh and Clancy left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

CVB Angie Wells provided an update concerning the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Wells and Sauer left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES
APPROVED Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Stites, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE
#1055-03-17A Moved by Stites, seconded by Voorhees, to approve an ordinance to pay the bills for the month of March. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Statutory majority having voted for this ordinance; the city clerk assigned it ordinance #1055-03-17A.

BLDG. COMM.
LEASE Chance reported that the city had overpaid the Phillipsburg Building Commission by two payments. It was the consensus of the Council to not pay the PBC until the overpayment was compensated for.

CITY CLERK Chance provided the Council with the 2017 payroll distribution plan and the number of utility customers per rate code.

ATWOOD
AWOS TEST
EQUIPMENT A request from the Atwood Airport Board to use the Phillipsburg AWOS test equipment for testing their equipment was provided to the Council. Moved by Innes, seconded by Stites, to propose to the Atwood Airport Board that they can have Gary Flanigan use the equipment for the 3 tests per year if they pay the calibration fees. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

AQUATIC
CENTER Discussion was held concerning the aquatic center operations. Lifeguard interviews have been completed. The pool painting should be done in 2 weeks.

Lively left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS Driggs provided an update on the training schedule and work being done by the employees.

SEWER Driggs informed the Council of items such as towels and heavy cloth that have been found in the sewer manholes and lift stations that are causing equipment failures.

SEMS Discussion was held concerning the SEMS Asset Management program. Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Innes, to have Nex-tech provide and install 4 sonic walls. Voting Aye: Speake; Voorhees; Innes; Stites. Opposed: James.

MAINTENANCE I Trent Weinman has been hired for the Maintenance I position. He has taken two days of Corrections Department training and will begin fulltime in April.

UTILITES FOR
NEW
DEVELOPMENT A letter has been received from the Phillips County Rural Water District #1 that they will not provide Sonic with water service. Driggs reported he had been contacted by 21 Design Group concerning utilities service for the property on the north side of Highway 36 east of the Rodeway Inn & Suites. The Developer will be meeting with the Council in the future.

PLANNING A Planning Commission report was provided.

ADJOURN

Moved by Stites, seconded by Speake, to adjourn time – 7:35 p.m.

Brenda L. Chance

Brenda L. Chance, City Clerk