

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2017**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on May 1, 2017, 6:00 P.M., at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

CALL TO ORDER In the absence of the Mayor, the meeting was called to order by Council President Mike James.

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

ABSENT: Council members Donna Speake; Travis Stites; and Mayor Pat Hewitt.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Sage, City Attorney; Tim Driggs, Public Works Supervisor; Jesse Rhea, reporter KKAN/KQMA; Kirby Ross, reporter Phillips County Review; Shawn Ellenberger; Wyatt Conrad; Deb LeBlanc; Andy Kenney; Brenda Chance, City Clerk.

SWIM TEAM Wyatt Conrad reported the swim team is planning on beginning practice May 29th at 8 a.m. They are expecting approximately 40 participants. The annual swim tournament will be June 10th or 17th and should be completed so the pool can open at 1:00 p.m.

Conrad left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Eva Hansen arrived at 6:04 p.m.

WRESTLING CAMP Andy Kenney requested the Council waive the armory fee for the wrestling camp July 6 & 7. It was the consensus of the Council to waive the fee.

Kenny left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Nick Poels and Thaniel Monaco arrived at 6:05 p.m.

FORT BISSELL MUSEUM DISC GOLF Fort Bissell board member Deb LeBlanc talked with the Council about discs from the disc golf course entering the museum property and people going over the gates. LeBlanc requested the city consider putting up a net on the south and west side of the stockade to stop the discs. Discussion was held. It was recommended warning signs and cameras be used to identify trespassers.

City Attorney Scott Sage arrived at 6:10 p.m.

LeBlanc left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

CHILDCARE CENTER Nick Poels representing the Phillipsburg Childcare Committee updated the Council concerning the community childcare center project. He requested a letter of support for the project so the group can apply for tax credits and other funding. Moved by Innes, seconded by Voorhees, to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Poels left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

U.S. HWY 36 GEOMETRIC Thaniel Monaco, representing BG Consultants, updated the Council concerning the geometric project application submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation for

APPLICATION	<p>improvements on State Street. The Pavement Restoration application was not submitted since water and sanitary sewer line upgrades were not allowed within the program. The next step will be for KDOT to evaluate the applications.</p> <p>Shanon Jarvis, Phil Pfortmiller, and Rodney Schaller arrived at 6:29 p.m. Monaco left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.</p>
DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING 376 7 th ST	<p>A hearing was held concerning the Dangerous Structure Resolution #242, 376 6th Street, owned by Shanon Jarvis. Sage questioned Driggs concerning the inspection findings. Fire has damaged the property leaving windows and walls needing repairs. The property is unsafe, unsanitary, and a blight on the neighborhood. Jarvis stated repairs could be made on the house for \$20-30,000 and the house should not be torn down as it is structurally sound. Jarvis is in the process of selling the property. Jarvis requested the hearing be continued and she would then be able to update the Council on the sale of the property. Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Innes, to continue the hearing on July 3, 2017. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: None.</p> <p>Jarvis & Pfortmiller left the meeting.</p>
DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING 467 6 th ST	<p>A hearing was held concerning the Dangerous Structure Resolution #243, 467 6th Street, owned by Rodney Schaller. Sage questioned Driggs concerning the inspection findings. Fire has damaged the property leaving holes in the structure, heavy smoke damage, doors and windows missing. The property is unsafe, unsanitary, and a blight on the neighborhood. Schaller agreed the structure was dangerous and not able to be repaired for 50% of the value. Schaller requested time to meet with the lienholder and determine what action can be taken. Moved by Innes, seconded by Voorhees, to give 120 days to start work on the project and 60 days to finish. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: None.</p> <p>Schaller left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.</p>
206 H ST	<p>Eva Hansen requested a time extension to have the structure at 206 H St. removed. Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Rogers, to extend the deadline 60 days. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. The Council will review this at the July 3rd meeting.</p> <p>Hansen left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.</p>
MINUTES APPROVED	<p>Moved by Innes, seconded by Rogers, to approve the April 17, 2017 meeting minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.</p>
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1055-04-17B	<p>Moved by Rogers, seconded by Innes, 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 #1055-04-17B.</p>
EXCEL TRAINING	<p>It was the consensus of the Council to allow the city office to close May 11th at noon so staff can attend the Excel spreadsheet training.</p>
KS ONE CALL	<p>The Kansas One Call annual meeting notice was reviewed. It was the decision of the Council to not return the meeting proxy.</p>

EMC INS	Chance reported EMC Insurance has given the city a \$22,082.35 dividend for being a part of the KMU Safety Group.
NEX-TECH HOT SPOT	Moved by Voorhees, seconded Innes, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Nex-Tech Hot Spot Agreement at no cost to the city. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
HANSEN INTERN	Information concerning the Kansas State University intern program funded by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation was provided to the Council.
UTILITY	Utility rate information will be discussed at the next meeting. The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, May 8 th , at 5:15 p.m.
LITTLE KIDS WRESTLING	Driggs presented the Council with a plaque from the Little Kids Wrestling program recognizing the city for its contributions to the program.
PUBLIC WORKS	Driggs reported on activities of the public works department. Spring clean-up had been completed today. Mowing is being done. The work at the former pool area should be completed by the end of the month. Planters are being stained.
AQUATIC CENTER	The pool painting deadline is Friday, May 5 th . The Contractor has asked for a deadline extension. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the deadline as is at this time. Twenty-seven lifeguards from area communities and Phillipsburg have signed up to be certified.
COMM. BLDG.	The roof contractor has started work on the community building roof.
LIFT STATION	Another motor for the east lift station is in need of repair. Driggs will be getting information about changing the motors to grinders.
CITY BUILDING WINDOWS & DOORS	Driggs reported to the Council that Sisson Pro Installs is not interested in replacing the windows in the city office. The following prices from Norton Glass were received: Windows & Doors \$22,500; Door Openers \$3,760. Moved by Innes, seconded by Voorhees, to authorize the upgrade to the window, doors, and openers. Voting aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Driggs will contact contractors concerning an upgrade to the restroom and lowering a counter.
SEWER TRUCK	Red's Equipment will be coming to inspect the sewer truck to evaluate what caused the boom to extend and cause the truck damage. The insurance has paid for the truck body repair cost.
WATER METERS	Discussion was held concerning an auto read meter system partnering with Midwest Energy. Additional information will be provided at a later date.
AIRPORT	Driggs reported the Airport Advisory Board requested the furniture at the airport office be replaced with recliners and a couch. The costs of the recliners are approximately \$800 each and the couch cost is \$1,100-\$1,600. Driggs was directed to look at used furniture.
PLANNING COMMISSION	Driggs reported the Planning Commission is continuing to review ordinances. Discussion was held about code enforcement and the Planning Commission's desire for it to continue as it had in the past rather than waiting for complaints.

- STOPLIGHTS Discussion was held concerning the cost to replace the existing bulbs with LED bulbs. Original replacement LED bulbs are \$500/each but a supplier has found some for \$25. KDOT recommendations are to replace the entire fixture which would cost approximately \$2,000 each. Discussion followed. Moved by Voorhees, seconded by Innes, to keep the lights as is unless a lot of complaints are received from the public. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
- BEE HIVES Voorhees recommended that the Planning Commission look at guidelines for having bee hives within the city limits since ordinances do not address this issue at this time.
- SONIC ANNEXATION Chance was authorized to ask the Phillips County Commissioners to approve the request for the city to annex the Sonic property as requested by the owner.
- SALES TAX The current sales tax report was reviewed.
- ADJOURN Moved by Rogers, seconded by Voorhees, to adjourn time – 8:05 p.m.

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