**City of Kanopolis**

**July 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

**Kanopolis City Hall**

**100 South Kansas Avenue**

**Kanopolis, KS 67454**

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Council members Greg Tripp, Rebekah Tripp, Pat Perez, Michelle Schwerdtfeger

Absent: Matt Munoz

Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins

Citizens: Tom Wilkinson, Joe Orozco, Teresa Shute, Rachel Svoboda, Thaniel Monaco

**Approval of minutes:** Greg Tripp motioned to approve the minutes from June 9, 2020. Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report:** Greg Tripp motioned to accept the June 30, 2020 treasurer’s report, Pat Perez 2nd. Motion carried.

**Citizens:**

* Teresa Shute asked if everything was okay with her property on S Iowa. Was told that skirting needs to be put on the trailer house & fill a hole. Teresa also asked about the standing water on the north end of town. There is standing water & the mosquitoes are horrible. Mike Bunch to get tablets to put in water to prevent mosquitoes.
* Joe Orozco was asking if everything was okay with his property on S Iowa. Was told he is in compliance.
* Rachel Svoboda requested a permit for fireworks on 7/25/20 for her daughter’s birthday. Was told to make sure all her neighbors are okay with fireworks & to be done by 10:00 p.m.
* Tom Wilkinson asked about the sign for the dead end road at North Colorado. Tom talked to his neighbors & they would like it at his property. Mike Bunch to install where requested. Tom also asked about property at N Colorado. Chief Weigel said it is an open case. He does not have a court date yet. It is rumored that it is in the process of being sold. Mayor Hopkins to look into but wants Chief Weigel to move forward on the case.

**Old Business:**

* Water Project
* Thaniel Monaco gave update on water project. Building has been set, all but electrical & telemetry is completed. Should be done by next week. Pump for new well has been delayed about 2 weeks.
* Old well was never abandoned properly. KDHE is still trying to decide how they want it abandoned. One solution is to dig further down.
* Thaniel Monaco said that an extension is needed with CDBG until the end of August 2020.
* Dave Barber could not make the meeting but sent an email saying that a special meeting will be needed for the tower project. Thaniel said that the CDBG extension could be done at the same time in approximately 2 weeks.
* Thaniel Monaco had pay request # 3 for 168308.50. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pay pay request #3 for 168308.50, Greg Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Abatements
* Property of Marty & Kathy Sneath – Still in disarray, white Chevy truck on property not moved. Per letter from Marty & Kathy Sneath, they are turning the old building into a garage. RV needs to be tagged, insured & must run. Metal building housing a Chevy S10 truck must have a roof. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pass Resolution 2020-R-08 finding that the structures are unsafe or dangerous and directing that the structures be remove and the premises made safe and secure, Pat Perez 2nd. Motion carried.
* Property of Joe Miller & Tanya Witter – Letter was sent but was returned unsigned. Chief Weigel to see if the Sheriff’s office can deliver the letter.
* Property of Peter Eck – Chief Weigel reported that he had mowed the property. Chief Weigel to move forward & get a court date for the property.
* Property of Gary Lisewski – Had Court, Judge Svaty authorized an extension to October 19, 2020 to get property cleaned. Judge Svaty asked Chief Weigel if the city maintenance crew could help Gary Lisewski with clean up. If the city maintenance crew helps, it would cost $40.00 per hour but could be added to his taxes. Mike Bunch to talk to Gary Lisewski. Also discussed the property he owns at S Illinois. That property has tires, refrigerators & vehicles.
* Chief Weigel said that there are still 6 pending cases for code enforcement.
* Pay raises effective 4/30/2020
* Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to go into executive session to discuss one or more employees and wage or salary and related job performance for 10 minutes at 7:53, Greg Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Mayor Hopkins called the meeting back in session at 8:03.
* Council asked Debbie Kralik when the last time was that Margaret Strouse worked. Michelle Schwerdtfeger asked Debbie Kralik to contact Margaret to see if she still wanted to work so Debbie could take vacation.
* Greg Tripp motioned to allow a $.50 pay raise for Heather McClendon & Jeff Weigel retroactive to 4/30/20, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.
* Annual Software Contract – Debbie Kralik said she contacted Wilson Communications & they are providing back up services, so she did not renew the contract with Jayhawk Software.
* Drinking Water Protection Process – Mayor Hopkins said that he had contact with KDHE & they will be resuming the process but will be combining our process with 2 other cities, but it should not affect our analysis.

**New Business:**

* Ellsworth County Economic Development board appointment
* Gerry Gebhardt resigned his position on the ECED board.
* Sarah Freeman was nominated as his replacement.
* Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to accept Sarah Freeman as the replacement on the Ellsworth County Economic Development board, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Ordinance #2020-O-03 Water Connection
* Debbie Kralik said that the old ordinance did not take into effect the citizens that turn their water on & off several times a year, so she had Patrick Hoffman draft a new ordinance to charge a connection fee every time.
* Greg Tripp motioned to approve Ordinance #2020-O-03, Pat Perez 2nd. Motion carried.
* Water Line top 1325 18th Road
* Chief Weigel would like his water line moved from its current location to closer to his house. Mike Bunch said that he would spend more money to move it than to repair it. Meter must be in city limits. After discussion, the council approved him moving the meter closer to his house but will do it when he has repairs to make & will be lesser expense.

**Committee Reports:**

* City Employees – Mike Bunch
* Mike Bunch told the council that the Sewer Lift Station has serious problems. Mike said that he contacted Ellsworth & got the name of a person who works on these. The cost will be approximately $500.00 for the diagnosis. Greg Tripp motioned to approve $700.00 for lift station diagnosis, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.
* Municipal Judge – Absent.
* City Properties – Absent
* Debbie Kralik said that the air conditioning at the community center kept blowing a breaker on Saturday, June 27, 2020 when it was rented. Had City Plumbing come & they had to replace the breaker. The couple that rented it still had issues all night. Debbie Kralik to add to the agreement about the use of multiple outlets when renting the community center.
* Debbie Kralik said that Teresa Shute rented the community center & there is a terrible smell coming from the refrigerator. Mike Bunch checked it out & there is nothing that should cause a bad smell. Council said to put baking soda in the refrigerator.

* Sewer & Cemetery – Patrick Perez – Nothing to report.
* Streets & Alleys – Greg Tripp
* Greg Tripp said that Montana Street is looking rough. Would like some AB3 or cold mix put on the street. Missouri Street has a pothole near the school across from Shawnka Goode’s house. Council said we cannot fix that road because it is a county road. Mayor Hopkins will contact Dale Houston at the County Road Department regarding Missouri Street. Greg Tripp also said that the grass is growing across the road on 3rd Street to the south of the ball fields. Road is not used very often but the grass needs to be sprayed.
* Water – Rebekah Tripp – Nothing to report.
* Mayor – Mayor Hopkins
* Ellsworth County has SPARK funding available primarily to help the city. Patrick Hoffman suggested that they apply for assistance with the Library to get IPAD’s. Mayor Hopkins to apply on the Library’s behalf.
* President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.
* City Clerk – Debbie Kralik
* Debbie Kralik said that since the tree dump has been left unlocked, there have been at least 3 times that the crew has had to get the trash out of it. Mayor Hopkins said that was probably during the city wide cleanup. Keep track to see if there are any more problems.
* Complaint about not having sewer hooked up at 109 West A Street. Mike Bunch & Chief Weigel said that they have both been there & it appears to be hooked up. Debbie Kralik said that she was going to send them a letter but the current ordinance states that they have 2 years to get sewer hooked up. The council would like to change the ordinance to read immediately instead of 2 years. Debbie Kralik to send to Patrick Hoffman for drafting.
* Pauline Zvolanek complained about not being able to use her driveway or the alley because of the dips. Debbie Kralik told her she needed to talk to Dale Houston about Missouri Street. Greg Tripp asked Mike Bunch to check out the alleys so she can get out that way since that’s the City’s responsibility.
* Chief of Police – Chief Jeff Weigel – Discussed earlier.

**Payment of Bills:** Greg Tripp motioned to pay the bills, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Greg Tripp motioned to adjourn at 8:31, Pat Perez 2nd. Motion carried.

Anthony Hopkins

Rebekah Tripp

Michelle Schwerdtfeger

Greg Tripp

Pat Perez

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik

City Clerk