

City of Kanopolis
August 13, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Kanopolis City Hall
100 S Kansas
Kanopolis, KS 67454

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on August 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Sore in Levi Schneider as councilmember.

Present: Council members Jim Zvolanek, Michelle Schwerdtfeger & Levi Schneider
Absent: Rebekah Tripp, 1 vacant opening
Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Citizens: Tim Bobbett, Karen Bonar, Dan Erdmann

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated July 9, 2024, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2024, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Citizens: Dan Erdmann came to the council meeting to discuss the property at 129 N Kansas. Dan said that he has been working on cleaning up the property. Mayor Hopkins said that he needs to remove the benches in the back & repair the broken windows. Dan said he was going to put plexiglass in the window openings, but he doesn't have the money at this time. He also said that someone threw a basketball at the front window & cracked it. He will be working on fixing the windows. Mayor Hopkins gave Dan until the 9/10/24 to get corrected. Jim Zvolanek asked what his plans were for the building. Dan said he wants to restore it as a city store but will need investors. Mayor Hopkins suggested he talk to Stacie Schmidt at Grow Ellsworth regarding grants. Michelle Schwerdtfeger said that the trees around the building are overgrown & need to be trimmed. Dan asked if he could put up a fence. Mayor Hopkins said yes, he could but he will need a building permit. Dan asked Debbie Kralik to mail him a permit & a copy of the ordinance regarding violations & fence restrictions.

Old Business:

- Water Project – Mayor Hopkins was contacted by North Central Regional Planning Commission regarding a grant for the water tower. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the mayor signing the affidavit in support of grant application, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

New business:

- Revenue Neutral Rate – Craig Dassow with Long & Associates suggested the council raise the RNR from 46.749 mills to 50.261 mills. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve Resolution 2024-R-02 to raise the RNR to 50.261, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- Budget – Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the budget as written, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- gWorks – Debbie Kralik said that UBMAX was bought out by gWorks at the beginning of the year. They are now dissolving UBMAX. Debbie looked into gWorks, Sage & Munilink. Sage was geared more for accounting so that was not an option. Munilink had a \$10,000.00 one time onboarding fee. gWorks waived the onboarding fee. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the gWorks contract for \$1,920.00 per year, Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.
- Cats Pride – Cats Pride is asking for ad sponsorship. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve silver sponsorship for \$250.00, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- ECMC donation – ECMC is asking for donations for new equipment. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve a gift basket for \$200.00 for their Heartland Harvest Wine Tasting Festival silent auction, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- Independent/Reporter Newspapers in Education – Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve a silver sponsorship for Newspapers in Education for \$150.00, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- KDOT Cost share program – Debbie said that the KDOT cost share program was just announced and wanted to know if the council wanted to apply for anything. Mayor Hopkins said that he would like to wait until next year because of the water tower project. The council agreed.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Mayor Hopkins asked Mike if there were still problems with the bathrooms. Mike said no they haven't had any more problems because they are currently closed. A water line was hit when digging for cable. Mike asked about Bill Weaver's property. Mayor Hopkins said that the abatement was never closed & would Chief Weigel send a letter to Mr. Weaver or deliver in person.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Absent
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Vacant
- Water – Levi Schneider – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Received a Thank you from the Gerry Gebhardt family for the flowers & a thank you Ellsworth County Historical Society for allowing them to use the Community Center for Fort Harker Days.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Asked if Chief Weigel could send a letter regarding parking a semi in the street at 408 S Missouri.

- City Clerk – Debbie Kralik asked why the fire department was filling up pools with water trucks using city water. Mayor Hopkins said that he thought it was an unspoken benefit of being a volunteer. Debbie said that if they do it for one person, they should do it for all. Levi Schneider suggested a donation to the fire department for having them fill pools. Mayor Hopkins suggested coordinating with the fire department to reserve one weekend in late spring to fill pools for donations if they would be interested in doing that. Debbie to contact Chief Neuman to discuss.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

Payment of Bills: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pay the bills, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Jim Zvolanek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m., Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Michelle Schwerdtfeger
Levi Schneider
Jim Zvolanek

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk