

**City of Kanopolis**  
**September 13, 2022, 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 September 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Tom Wilkinson, Rebecca Tripp, and Jim Zvolanek  
Presiding: Anthony Hopkins  
Absent: Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Greg Tripp  
Citizens: Karen Bonar, Mike Stroede, Elena Gonzalez, Eli Hernandez, Stacie Schmidt

**Approval of minutes:** Tom Wilkinson motioned to approve the minutes dated August 9, 2022, and the special meeting on August 29, 2022, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the treasurer's report dated August 2022, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Citizens:**

- Stacie Schmidt with Ellsworth County Economic Development was asked to discuss practical solutions for downtown rehab. Stacie said that there are many services available but none of them are free money. Most require the owner to buy in and is usually a 50/50 match. If someone is interested in starting a business, ECED can help with 0% interest financing available. She said there is also GAP financing which is usually a 30% gap grant. She also said there are always new grants surfacing which usually are for business launches. The HAT (Housing Assessment Tool) grant requires a community survey that can be included in the water bills to help get funds which then will need to apply for a CDBG grant. It can include new windows, AC, plumbing etc. Mayor Hopkins said that the city needs to do more cleanup & enforce more codes before applying. Stacie suggested designating a committee & contacting the owner regarding assessment. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to write a letter to the owner & send it to him to review.

**Old Business:**

- Water Project – Thaniel Monaco of BG Consultants called Debbie regarding the update. The blueprints are still in KDHE's office, but they are backlogged & short staffed. Thaniel would like to start the bidding process next month. The water

tower project is expected to begin in the spring of next year. Thaniel will mail the blueprints on Thursday, September 14.

➤ **Abatements**

- 304 S Colorado – abatement completed except for a few remaining items.
- 420 S Iowa needs the council to pass the ordinance to allow for demolition.
- 215 E C St – Council needs to determine if they want to condemn the half-converted garage/house that was previously condemned. The council would need to pass a resolution. 116 S Missouri needs more cleanup.
- 520 S Iowa has slow gradual movements to get in compliance. 128 S Missouri has slow gradual improvements.
- 105 S Kansas code allows to tell them to fix the plywood and re-secure it to keep out vermin and rain where it's warped and falling out.
- 317 S Kansas was sent a letter but returned with no forwarding address.
- 306 S Kansas is still out of compliance. Has a court date 9/15.
- 203 E 1<sup>st</sup> St claimed they would remove dogs to allowable limits, but no action taken. Has a court date on 9/14.
- 109 W 5<sup>th</sup> St tore down the shed & will be cleaned up on the weekend.

➤ Drinking Water Protection Plan – Tabled.

**New business:**

- Rehab program for homes & businesses – Debbie Kralik attended a presentation at NCRPC. There is a free grant to get the building on main street tested for lead paint, asbestos & contaminated land. . Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to write a letter to the owner & send it to him to review.
- Easement access for HB Communications – Mayor Hopkins received a map from HB Communications with regards to the route needed to lay fiber for their rural community grant. Originally the mayor thought they would go straight through town on Ohio but instead are weaving through the city streets. Jim Zvolanek motioned to allow HB Communications to run fiber lines through the city easement, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Sewer Pond sludge removal – Debbie Kralik received a letter from KRWA regarding the sludge in the sewer ponds. It was recommended that the south sewer pond needs to have sludge removed. Mayor Hopkins said that there are grants from the state to have sludge removed. Approximate cost is \$45,619.00 per acre. Mayor Hopkins said that Ellsworth is having it completed & the city of Kanopolis could piggyback to help offset the cost. Mayor Hopkins will contact the Ellsworth City Administrator.

**Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Mike Bunch wanted to let the council know that he tore his rotator cuff but has decided not to have surgery at this time.

- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah talked with Bill Weaver & said that they came up with a plan to get his property in compliance.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Greg Tripp – Absent
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Tom asked Mike if he had talked to Yost Electric about the pump that they were to order. Mike said the pump was ordered & Yost Electric has it, but they have been busy & haven't been able to get here to fix Well #8.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Mayor Hopkins asked the council if they would be willing to invest in downtown. The city could offer money. Elena Gonzalez suggested bringing the business owners in for a meeting to discuss. Mayor Hopkins said that the police car still has not been fixed. The council approved the Chief of Police to take to a dealership.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger - Absent
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik – Debbie Kralik said that the League of Kansas Municipalities conference is October 8-10 if anyone was interested in attending. The League of Kansas Municipalities was having an essay contest for 7<sup>th</sup> graders & could Rebekah Tripp take it to the school. Debbie received an email from Elizabeth George, City of Ellsworth, who needs the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan form filled out & returned. Mayor Hopkins suggested that the Fire Chief be the point of contact for this. Debbie Kralik let the council know that she gave them a list of employees that still have time to use before the end of the year. This includes vacation, sick time, comp time & the floating holiday. Debbie said that she needs to send the pending tax abatements to the Ellsworth County Clerk by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September & the council will need to approve. Mayor Hopkins said that the Mayfield property needs to be added. Mike Bunch said that they have mowed that property 3 times. Debbie will add to the list. The Librarian wanted the council to know that they have a new board member, Chelle Stevenson. Debbie wanted the council to know that she received \$2810.00 in donations for the Dale Kubick memorial. Mayor Hopkins suggested getting a plaque to put on the new building.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

**Citizens:** Eli Hernandez was concerned about the water being safe because of the letter he received. Mike Bunch told him that the city water is safe. It is tested twice a month at the least for lead, copper, nitrates & chloroform. Eli also asked about the main street sidewalks being safe. Because of the trees planted on the sidewalks, the roots have caused the sidewalks to adjust. Mayor Hopkins said that the sidewalks were the responsibility of the business owner.

**Payment of Bills:** Jim Zvolanek motioned to pay the bills, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Tom Wilkinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Anthony Hopkins  
Tom Wilkinson  
Jim Zvolanek  
Rebekah Tripp

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk