**City of Kanopolis**

**June 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**

**Kanopolis City Hall**

**100 South Kansas Avenue**

**Kanopolis, KS 67454**

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on June 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Tom Wilkinson, Rebekah Tripp, Jim Zvolanek

Absent: Greg Tripp

Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins

Citizens: Cynthia Edgerle, Todd Wacker, Carol Kratzer, John Kratzer, Carl Miller, Stacie Schmidt, Deb Habiger

**Approval of minutes:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021, council meeting, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the minutes from the special meeting May 25, 2021, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the May 2021 treasurer’s report, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.

**Citizens:**

* Cynthia Edgerle and Todd Wacker representing the Ellsworth County Historical Society, came to ask the council to set aside the water charge at the Commanding Officers Quarters. The ECHS has 2 meters but uses very little water at the CO Qtrs. The ECHS has limited income due to COVID & requests that they not be charged at the CO Qtrs. The ECHS provides tourism to Kanopolis & is the main attraction to Kanopolis. Council agreed to charge water only to the museum & shut off the billing to the CO Qtrs.
* Carol and John Kratzer brought Keren the Comfort Dog to show the council. Keren has been visiting the Good Samaritan Village, library, etc. Wanted the council to know if Keren is needed for an event, contact Carol.
* Carl Miller is representing the Ellsworth County Revitalization Program. This program provides a tax rebate & was started in 2008. The program gives revenue back to the taxpayers and ends 12/31/2021. Taxpayers apply before construction begins. There is a $50.00 fee to apply that is non-refundable. In the past, Kanopolis has had 7 applicants. There have been 107 applicant’s county wide. Taxpayers get inactivated if they are delinquent in paying their taxes. Carl Miller would like the council to discuss & provide their ideas to get more taxpayers involved. Carl Miller also discussed Photography by Eagleview. This is an aerial view of Kanopolis that has 6 angles. Used mainly for disasters. They will begin flights in February 2022. Trying to get corporations to purchase.
* Deb Habiger needed to get the badges for new councilmembers for emergency preparedness badges. If a natural disaster were to happen, you must have a badge from Ellsworth County Emergency Preparedness to be able to get into the closed off areas.

**Old Business:**

* Water Project
* Thaniel Monaco emailed Debbie Kralik the contract that will need to be signed by the Mayor for Terracon Geotechnical Engineering Services. Once signed Debbie will need to send Thaniel & Terracon.
* Thaniel also said that he is trying to get in touch with David Barber regarding the concern of the price of steel, possible project delays for material, potential schedules & possibly bidding on the tower later in the year.
* Abatements
* Resolutions 2021-R-03, 2021-R-04, 2021-R-05 for the Witter, Bosquez & Bosquez properties for abatement. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve Resolutions 2021-R-03, 2021-R-04 & 2021-R-05, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Cemetery Platting – Mayor Hopkins talked with Sam Paull & his charge is $300.00 per row. Sam to get with Mike Bunch for dimensions on roads.

**New business:**

* Resolution 2021-R-02 GAAP Waiver for audit
* Need resolution to waive fixed assets – GAAP waiver. Audit will be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a.
* Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve Resolution 2021-R-02, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Smoky Hill Trail Project
* Mike Bunch owns the land that they are proposing to use & he will not allow it. Possibly going north on the old tracks. Mayor Hopkins wanted the council to know about it & possibly need a letter of support from the city.
* Sam Renewal
* Debbie Kralik said that System for Awards Management (SAM) is up for renewal. This is needed to get grants.
* There are 3 options, 1 year for $599.00, 2 years for $699.00, or 3 years for $899.00.
* Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to spend $899.00 for a 3-year SAM membership, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Survey for NCRPC for Ellsworth County Comprehensive Planning
* Debbie Kralik received surveys that they are asking to be completed. They want citizens to do it online but know that some citizens do not do online. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to post on Facebook.
* SB13 regarding the budget
* Debbie Kralik told the council that Craig Dassow from Summer Spencer & Co will be here next month to give a more detailed update, but this bill changes the way to raise the mill levy. The county will issue the city’s Revenue Neutral Rate. If the city wants to go above this rate, a hearing must be held to allow taxpayers the opportunity to speak.
* CMB License for Fort Harker Committee
* Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Fort Harker Committee, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried,

**Committee Reports:**

* City Employees – Mike Bunch reported that the jet vac truck from Ellsworth was used to clear the sewer lines by White’s Construction. He does not recommend using it again. Mike said it would not remove the mush out of the lines. He would like to contact Brackeen out of Claflin for help in the future.
* Municipal Judge – Absent.
* City Properties – Nothing to report.

* Sewer & Cemetery – Michelle Schwerdtfeger asked about the trees that were supposed to be burned. Mike Bunch said that all that remains is the trunks. He will get them moved to the tree dump next week. Mayor Hopkins told Mike Bunch to begin planting trees on the north fence line. They should be 10 feet from the fence & 10 feet apart.
* Streets & Alleys – Mayor Hopkins said that they will need to have a special meeting about chip sealing the streets. Would like to have it done before Fort Harker Days.
* Water – Nothing to report.
* Mayor – Mayor Hopkins was going looking into State and Local Fiscal recovery funds under the American Rescue Plan Act. It can possibly be used for the new fire station or possibly the new water tower. Senator Roger Marshall to be having a virtual meeting that he will attend.
* President of Council – Nothing to report.
* City Clerk – Debbie Kralik
* Debbie Kralik that KDHE did not approve the waste tire grant, but Smoky Hill Charitable Foundation did. The grant asked for $9832.00 but only received $4916.00. Asked the council if they wanted to pay the difference or see if the city could still use SHCF’s grant $ & only get ½ the load of waste tire mulch. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to contact SHCF to see if we could do that.
* Community room was rented by Ed Kyler on May 22, 2021. The sewer was backed up & they spent most of their time cleaning. Debbie would like to refund the full amount of $100.00 since it was unusable. Council agreed.
* Debbie Kralik said that money needed to be transferred out of sewer into the library fund, recreation fund, employee benefit fund & cemetery fund to get the fund balances on the positive side. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to transfer $20,000.00 from sewer to employee benefits, $20,000.00 from sewer to library, $2,000.00 from sewer to recreation & $8,000.00 from sewer to cemetery, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
* Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

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

**Adjournment:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM. Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Anthony Hopkins

Michelle Schwerdtfeger

Tom Wilkinson

Rebekah Tripp

Jim Zvolanek

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik

City Clerk