

**City of Kanopolis**  
**May 14, 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 May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Brian Pruitt, Tom Wilkinson and Jim Zvolanek.

Absent: Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Rebekah Tripp

Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins

Citizens: Tim Bobbett, Karen Bonar

**Approval of minutes:** Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated April 9, 2024, Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Brian Pruitt motioned to approve transfer of \$20,000.00 from Sewer into General Fund, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the Treasurer's report dated April 2024, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Water Project – Mayor Hopkins received a call from Thaniel Monaco with BG Consultants regarding the water tower project. Thaniel thought that the city was getting funding but USDA-RD has run out of money. No grants will be available until the new fiscal year in October 2024. Thaniel told the Mayor that Kansas has grant funding, but it won't be available until June or July 2024. Thaniel said that BG Consultants has worked on several other projects that were given full funding. Thaniel said he was unsure at this point whether or not the project will have to be rebid and if not, unsure that the contractor will keep the same bid price. Thaniel said even if the city received the grant funding today, it probably won't be built until next year. Mayor Hopkins reached out to North Central Regional Planning to see if they had funding available. He also reached out to Senator Marshall's aid & gave them an update on the issues. Thaniel said the BG Consultants would do the application. Tom Wilkinson said that the earlier we start, the better the city's chances of getting approved.
- Park Bathrooms – Ponton Construction has been working on the park bathrooms. Mike Bunch said that they had the electric on the outside completed & should be working on the plumbing next.
- Ceiling tiles at Community Center – Ceiling tiles were delivered & Mike said that they will start updating them next week.

**New business:**

- CMB License for Fort Harker Committee. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the CMB License for Fort Harker Committee, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- UBMAX billing software – Debbie Kralik let the council know that Gworks bought UBMAX last year & she was notified that UBMAX will be phased out. Debbie is looking for a compatible software replacement.
- Wilson Communications Internet Service – Quote was given to Debbie for 89.95 per month for internet. Debbie let the council know that this did not include the phone service. Debbie to contact AT&T & Wilson Telephone for options for phone service.
- Advertisement in Great Ben Tribune & Independent Reporter for Fort Harker Days – Debbie asked the council if they wanted to place an ad in the Great Bend Tribune & Independent Reporter for Fort Harker days. Council approved placing the ad.
- Kanopolis Post Office – Debbie wanted to let the council know that 1 of the 3 employees will need to go to the post office in Ellsworth every day to pick up mail.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Mike said that John Parrish contacted him regarding sewer clean out. John will be here one day next week. Mayor Hopkins thought they approved 2 days. Mike said that they are out of cold mix. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve 1 load of cold mix, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Mike let the council know that he will be using a very harsh weed killer for the curbs & gutters. Tom Wilkinson asked Mike if he could spray for stickers at the park. Mike said that he is going to start spraying for mosquitos this weekend.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Absent.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Brian Pruitt – Debbie received the bid from South Central Sealing for \$43,602.18. Brian Pruitt motioned to accept the bid from South Central Sealing for \$43,602.18, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Debbie will let South Central Sealing know the bid was approved.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Received a Thank You from the After Prom Committee for the donation.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Absent.
- City Clerk – Nothing to report.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent – Debbie let the council know that if Jeff is offered the job of Police Chief for Ellsworth, he could possibly resign. Mike said that it seems like there has been more police presence from the County Sheriff's Office.

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

**Adjournment:** Brian Pruitt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m., Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Tom Wilkinson  
Jim Zvolanek  
Brian Pruitt  
Michelle Schwerdtfeger

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk