

City of Kanopolis
September 10, 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 September 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Swore in Drew Miley as councilmember.

Present: Council members Jim Zvolanek, Levi Schneider, Drew Miley & Rebekah Tripp
Absent: Michelle Schwerdtfeger
Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Citizens: Tim Bobbett, Karen Bonar, Dan Erdmann, Darrell Ploutz

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated August 13, 2024, Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2024, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.

Citizens: Darrell Ploutz asked the council where the city limit for Kanopolis was on the east side of town. His son has put dog pens & 4 dogs that have been registered with the city & would like to run water lines, but he has already received complaints. Mayor Hopkins said so long as he is in compliance with city ordinances, there is no problem. Darrell asked about the horses by the old brick plant & the Mayor said we will discuss that if complaints are made.

Dan Erdman gave the council an update on 129 N Kansas. He said that he blocked the windows on the north side, cut trees down & wants to paint the building. He will be purchasing some fence panels to put a fence around the side & the back. Mayor Hopkins said that the tables were still there. Dan said he will put them behind the fence once it's built. Mayor Hopkins doesn't think it will be put up in a timely manner. Dan had 30 days from the last meeting to get all things completed. Mayor Hopkins said that Dan was great at placating councils for 30 days & then threaten to sue. Mayor Hopkins said he has an established pattern of behavior. Dan said the mayor was being unreasonable. He then asked how much time he had. Levi Schneider said that those tables are a liability because kids climb on them & could get hurt. Dan said he takes exception to the way the mayor was speaking to him. Mayor Hopkins said the fence was the solution, but it hasn't been completed. Levi Schneider suggested the council give him 30 additional days to get the tables out & work his way around the building. Levi Schneider motioned to allow Dan 30 days to get the tables out & work his way around the building, Drew Miley 2nd. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Water Project – Debbie Kralik let the council know that the grant application was submitted to Kansas Water Office for \$1,196,141.00. The grant amount & remaining balance of loan should cover the water tower. Now we just wait for the grant approval to move forward.
- Drinking Water Protection Program – Debbie will be paying \$1800.00 to Charles Kootz for no-tilling acres.

New business:

- 20th Judicial District Juvenile Services – Casey Rowland – Debbie asked the council if Casey could conduct interviews in the city hall for Ellsworth County cases. Debbie told the council that Casey would only hold interviews during the day when someone was at the building. Council approved.
- Kanopolis Fall Clean up – Mayor Hopkins would like to do a fall clean up for the city. Smoky Hill Charity Foundation has gotten away from funding city clean ups. Mayor Hopkins recommended the council approve funding for fall clean up. Levi Schneider said that tires should not be included in the clean-up. Debbie Kralik said that we will need to coordinate with Slechta Enterprises for the dumpsters. Levi asked Mike Bunch if him or Aaron would be available to smash the dumpsters throughout the day. Mike said yes. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve \$4000.00 for October 25, 26 & 27 for the fall clean up. Drew Miley 2nd. Motion carried.
- League of Kansas Municipalities Essay Contest – Debbie asked Rebekah Tripp to take the information to the school for 7th graders.
- Board of Health Ordinances from Wilson – Mayor Hopkins asked the Mayor of Wilson to send the ordinances that they have passed streamlining the process for abatements. Wilson has appointed a Board of Health that makes recommendations on abatements. The current process can take up to 6 months or more to complete. Rebekah Tripp said that it would require a board of health with at least 3 members. Mayor Hopkins suggested that the council take home the ordinances to review & make changes. Mayor Hopkins would like the ordinances available at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – The superintendent from USD327 called requesting signs at the middle school. Mike checked today & didn't understand what signs she wants put up. He said that there was 1 on 1st Street that was faded but he thought it should be USD327's responsibility. Mayor Hopkins will call her & find out. Mike let the council know that the renters at 720 S Iowa left a bunch of junk, trash, furniture etc. in the alley. Mayor Hopkins said he will reach out to the owner about this. Mike said that since it's in the alley, the city could pick it up. The Council does not want to set a precedent that other people will leave their trash in the alley & expect the city to clean it up. The council asked

Debbie to send a certified letter to the owner. Mayor Hopkins to send her a text to see if that will speed things along. Jim Zvolanek motioned to send a registered letter to 720 S Iowa for clean up of yard, Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried. Mike let the council know that the sewer pipe at 420 S Iowa is in the alley & needs to be moved. He is concerned that the trash truck, snow removal or anyone driving down the alley will hit it & then block up the sewer line. Mike said that the grass is overgrown as well. The council asked Debbie to send a letter from the attorney to correct the issue & have Chief Weigel hand deliver to the owner.

- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Rebekah asked how the bathrooms were. Mike said that there has been no more vandalism.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Drew Miley – Nothing to report.
- Water – Levi Schneider – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to send letters for 109 N Kansas for the tin coming off the roof.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Absent
- City Clerk – Debbie Kralik – Nothing to report.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

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

Adjournment: Drew Miley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., Levi Schneider 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Rebekah Tripp
Levi Schneider
Jim Zvolanek
Drew Miley

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk