

City of Kanopolis
April 11, 2023, 5:25 p.m.
Kanopolis City Hall
100 S Kansas
Kanopolis, KS 67454

The council of the City of Kanopolis met for hearing abatements on April 11, 2023, at 5:25 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Rebekah Tripp, Tom Wilkinson, and Jim Zvolanek.
Presiding: Anthony Hopkins
Citizens: Kathy Sneath, Joshua Tackett

Kathy Sneath wants to know what the council is complaining about now. She said that there are worse places in town. Mayor Hopkins told Kathy that they have been trying to get this property cleaned up for several years. One of the items on the property is the RV that is untagged & has no insurance. Kathy explained that she is working on getting that removed. Mayor Hopkins said that the council is willing to work with her to get the property cleaned up. Tom Wilkinson said that he understands that it is a huge undertaking, but the council would like to see progress. Mayor Hopkins said that the council would rather see the homeowner correct the issues instead of abating the property. Kathy asked for 1 year to get things up to par. Mayor Hopkins said we cannot allow 1 year for progress. Mayor Hopkins said that they will give Kathy until the June meeting & if there is significant progress, will allow more time at that meeting.

Jason Kramer – not in attendance. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve Resolution 2023-R-07 for the removal of junked/abandoned vehicles, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Jim Zvolanek motioned to adjourn the abatement hearing at 5:34, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on April 11, 2023, at 5:34 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated March 14, 2023, and March 30, 2023, special meeting, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the March 2023 Treasurer's report, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Hopkins asked to table the vacancy until May 2023.

Old Business:

- Water Project – BG Consultants resubmitted the water tower plans to KDHE again. The original plans were received by BG Consultants. Tom Wilkinson will review the plans.
- Abatements
 - 420 S Iowa – Bill Weaver brought a copy of the contract he has from Royal R Construction to install the cinder blocks. Mr. Weaver refused to sign for the registered letter. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to contact Royal R Construction to make sure the contract is valid & when the work will begin.

New business:

- Community Center – Debbie Kralik was contacted by Kansas Gas Service regarding the lines going into the community center. They will be moving the gas lines from underground to above ground. There will be no expense to the city. Debbie also told the council that she had to call City Plumbing about an issue with the heaters. Randy Kempke got one of the heaters to work, which was enough for that day. City Plumbing sent a quote for 2 new heaters & air conditioners for \$22,000.00. City Plumbing wants to take the heaters out of the ceiling & put them in a small closet on the main floor. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to solicit more bids before the next meeting.
- World Pest Control annual spraying – Debbie was contacted by World Pest Control regarding the annual spraying of city buildings. The cost is the same as last year for \$330.00. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the bid for \$330.00 for World Pest Control, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- Employee Pay Raises effective 4/30/23 – Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to go into executive session to discuss 1 or more employees wage & salary for 10 minutes to return at 6:07, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 6:07. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve a 3% pay raise for all full-time & part-time employees, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Nothing to report.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Rebekah asked Mike to try to get rid of the stickers in the park. There was a student who had to go to the clinic because he fell into a sticker patch. Rebekah to let Mike know where this happened.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Asked about pumping the Sewer lagoons. Mayor Hopkins wants it to be put on the agenda for May 2023.

- Streets & Alleys – Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to call the company that slurry sealed the streets to see if they have an opening for us. Mayor Hopkins would like to get a bid for slurry seal & asphalt (cost per square yard).
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Nothing to report.
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik – Debbie said that she contacted Curt Glaser at First Bank Kansas regarding the water construction account. The problem was that the rates had raised. Debbie explained that the water construction account should be used before the end of the year & Curt said that they would leave the account as it was.
- 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 6:17 PM, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Anthony Hopkins
Jim Zvolanek
Rebekah Tripp
Michelle Schwerdtfeger

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk