**City of Kanopolis**

**October 12, 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 October 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

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

Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins

Absent: Greg Tripp, Michelle Schwerdtfeger

Citizens: Tom Bosquez, Annette White, Robert Thille, Patrick Hoffman

**Approval of minutes:** Rebekah Tripp motioned to approve the minutes from September 14, 2021, council meeting, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report:** Tom Wilkinson motioned to approve the September 2021 treasurer’s report, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.

**Citizens:**

* Annette White & Robert Thille asked about hooking up the sewer to their property. Debbie Kralik said that since they did not have water yet, that there was no need to hook up the sewer until that time. Annette White asked about a payment plan for the water hookup. Mayor Hopkins said that he would not like it more than 1 year long & to have the city attorney draw an agreement for the payment plan.
* Tom Bosquez asked about his water. Mayor Hopkins said that Mike Bunch tried to contact him at least twice to get a temporary hookup to his water. The temporary hookup will need to be back flushed because there is dirt in the lines. The council gave Tom Bosquez a thank you for cleaning up of his property.
* Patrick Hoffman said that Michelle Schwerdtfeger had asked him to come & do KORA/KOMA training since we had so many new councilmembers. Patrick said that he plans to the training after the elections to catch all new members.

**Old Business:**

* Water Project
* Thaniel Monaco emailed Debbie Kralik & said that he is waiting on the building permits through KDHE & that would take approximately 2 months. Once received, he will also be sending the bidding documents to USDA-RD this week for their review, but they are usually quick (2-3 weeks) on their review. Once we get everything back from KDHE we then can discuss timing of the bid and set up advertisements accordingly.
* Abatements
* 112 S Missouri – looks good
* 220 N Colorado – buildings have been torn down. Trees need trimmed & limestone rocks in front need to be moved.
* 304 S Colorado – Resolution 2021-R-08 for abatement was drawn by Patrick Hoffman. Rebekah Tripp motioned to approve Resolution 2021-R-08, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried. Resolution is to hold a hearing on December 14, 2021.
* 420 S Iowa – Court was held on 9/21/21 & date to complete was extended to 11/30/21.
* 116 S Missouri – no progress
* 520 S Iowa – has been mowed but still a lot of junk.
* 128 S Missouri – no progress
* Drinking Water Protection Program – Debbie Kralik gave the update from Logan Smith regarding the local leadership team. Mayor Hopkins suggested we table this until after the pandemic or KDHE contacts Debbie Kralik.
* KDOT Cost share – Mayor Hopkins reached out to the League of Kansas Municipalities regarding the use of ARPA funds for sidewalks & curb & guttering & was told it would be put to better use on the water tower. Mayor Hopkins asked the council if they wanted to pursue the sidewalks only or do the sidewalks & curb & guttering. Jim Zvolanek motioned to move forward on the KDOT cost share grant for $31,026.00, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried. Debbie Kralik will contact Jon at Kirkham Michael to proceed.
* Sirens – Mayor Hopkins met with Duncan Clark regarding synching the sirens up. Duncan Clark will submit a report to the city.

**New business:**

* 2021 Tax Abatement Proposal – Ellsworth County Economic Development is a collaborative process with all communities. It offers a tax abatement program for small communities for residents that increase the value of their property more than $5000.00. Rebekah Tripp motioned to approve the 2021 Tax Abatement Proposal, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

* City Employees – Mayor Hopkins said that the water department has enough parts available for the new water hookups.
* Municipal Judge – Absent.
* City Properties – Nothing to report.

* Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek asked if the septic ponds had been taken care of. Debbie Kralik said that they did mow around them. Jim Zvolanek said he would look after the meeting.
* Streets & Alleys – Absent.
* Water – Nothing to report.
* Mayor – Mayor Hopkins asked about the sprinkler system. He will forward at least 2 companies that Debbie Kralik will get bids for.
* President of Council – Absent.
* City Clerk
* Debbie Kralik said that John Parrish of Parrish Wastewater Services came into the office & left his card regarding sewer problems if needed in the future.
* Debbie Kralik received a written complaint about the new owners of the grocery store. They have been hauling stuff into the store & have now parked an old car in back. Debbie Kralik gave to Chief Weigel.
* Mayor Hopkins asked to have Chief Weigel put the antique store on the abatement list.
* Debbie Kralik said that she had a meeting with Kristin Haase & Cara Emig from First Bank Kansas regarding commercial services. They set up an agreement for direct deposit & ACH collections which will be a cost of an additional $15.00 per month. This will aid in collections & will direct deposit pay checks. Jim Zvolanek motioned to accept the contract from First Bank Kansas for collections & direct deposit, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.
* Debbie Kralik was approached by Jolene Schultz & Matt Munoz to allow them to put benches in the cemetery next to their loved one’s graves. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve benches at the cemetery for Jolene Schultz & Matt Munoz, Rebekah Tripp 2nd. Motion carried.
* Debbie Kralik received 2 bids for rock at the community center. Hi-Plains Sand bid $3555.00 & White’s Construction bid was $2850.00. Mayor Hopkins would like the grass sprayed to kill the weeds. Tom Wilkinson motioned at approve the bid from White’s Construction for $2850.00, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
* Judy Gebhardt received a grant from Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation for $4977.98. The Strategic Doing Group will be doing a spring cleanup.
* Debbie Kralik received from the League of Kansas Municipalities an essay for 7th graders. Debbie gave to Rebekah Tripp to take to the school.
* Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

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

**Adjournment:** Tom Wilkinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

 Anthony Hopkins

 Tom Wilkinson

 Rebekah Tripp

 Jim Zvolanek

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik

City Clerk