

**City of Kanopolis**  
**December 12, 2023, 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 December 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Brian Pruitt, Tom Wilkinson and Jim Zvolanek.  
Absent: Rebekah Tripp, Michelle Schwerdtfeger  
Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Citizens: Tim Bobbett, Dustin Cumberland

**Approval of minutes:** Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated November 14, 2023, Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** No Treasurer's Report available for November 2023.

**Citizens:** None.

**Old Business:**

- Water Project – Mayor Hopkins let the council know that the USDARD representative, Dave Barber, passed away Friday night so the water tower project is on hold. Thaniel Monaco will reach out to the bidders to see if they will extend the contract to the end of the year. USDARD will get the information to the city as soon as possible. Mayor Hopkins said that we need to plan to have a special meeting to accept the bid. Brian Pruitt asked about the votes for a new water tower. Debbie Kralik told him that there were 37 no votes & 23 yest votes. Mayor Hopkins said he would like to do another survey with more information.
- Park bathrooms – The insurance company recommended the city get another estimate from Ponton Construction. Brandon Ponton gave an estimate for \$27,760.00. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to send the bid to the insurance company. Tom Wilkinson said that the men's club offered to reconstruct the building. Mayor Hopkins said that the construction company would be okay if the city or men's club did the demo & painted. Mayor Hopkins asked to table the bathroom remodel until the next meeting.
- ECMC LED Sign – Dustin Cumberland talked to the council about the single sided LED sign that they would like to place in Kanopolis. Dustin said that ECMC will cover all the costs associated with the sign. He said that the city would also be able to use the sign up to 6 times per month. The city will be responsible for paying the electricity. After discussing the sign, it was decided that the marquee currently at City Hall would be moved to the Community Center for use there. The new ECMC LED Sign would be placed in the area of the previous marquee. Brian Pruitt motioned to allow ECMC to put a 21X75 LED sign at City Hall, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

- Sewer Ponds – Mike Bunch said that Lagoon Pumping & Dredging will complete dredging the sewer ponds before March 1, 2024.

#### **New business:**

- KMIT Workers Compensation Renewal – Brian Pruitt motioned to accept KMIT renewal for \$2,677.00, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal – Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the BCBS renewal for \$3,574.89, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- 2024 Holidays – Tom Wilkinson approved the 2024 Holidays as written, Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Heater bids for fire department – 2 bids were received. Water Works bid was for \$11,551.10 & City Plumbing bid was for \$10,920.00. Mayor Hopkins said that City Plumbing's was the lowest. Brian Pruitt said that Water Works was putting in a 400,000 BTU system & City Plumbing was putting in a 300,000 BTU system. Brian Pruitt motioned to accept the bid from Water Works for \$11,551.10, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- CMB License approvals – Debbie Kralik has 3 CMB licenses to approve, Koyote Den, Fort Harker Saloon II & Kanopolis Corner Store. Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the CMB licenses for Koyote Den, Fort Harker Saloon II & Kanopolis Corner Store, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Christmas bonus – Debbie Kralik said that in the past the full-time personnel received \$175.00, part-time personnel received \$75.00 & councilmembers received gift certificates from Orozco's & Kanopolis Corner Store for \$25.00. Debbie also let the council know that the auditors said that the bonuses should be taxed. She asked the council if they want to make the bonuses plus tax or leave as is. Mayor Hopkins said that he had been thinking about raising the bonuses. Mayor Hopkins suggested \$225.00 for full-time, \$125.00 for part-time & leave the gift certificates as is. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the Christmas bonuses for full-time personnel for \$225.00, part-time personnel for \$125.00, & \$25.00 gift certificates for councilmembers from Orozco's Portales & Kanopolis Corner Store, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Paying out vacation so personnel do not lose it – Mayor Hopkins said that every year, personnel are taking the end of the year off because it's hard for them to take vacation during the summer. Mayor Hopkins suggested that the council allow personnel to sell back their vacation if they are over the limit. Brian Pruitt & Tom Wilkinson asked Debbie Kralik to revise the Personnel Handbook to reflect this change.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Mike Bunch
  - Mike Bunch said that Well #1 was down & the air stripper motor will need to be fixed soon. The air stripper belongs to KDHE so Mike will call Marsha Fleming to find out who is responsible for replacing.
  - Mike Bunch said that when the power went out a couple of weeks ago, there was a problem with the wells starting to pump once power was

restored. Mike received a bid from Yost Electric for \$5,644.00 for the telemetry & controls upgrade. This will allow the wells to reset after a power outage. The bid is only good until the end of the year when the price will increase. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the bid from Yost Electric for \$5,644.00, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Absent
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Brian Pruitt – Brian asked Mike to clean up the overhanging branches on Iowa & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Colorado & 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Absent
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik –
  - Debbie said that Rick Kempke suggested putting insulation in the ceiling of the Community Center once the new heaters are installed.
  - A representative from South Central Sealing was here & discussed sealing next summer. He said that the sooner the city lets him know what streets need to be done, the better. Mayor Hopkins & Brian Pruitt will drive through the town to see what streets should be completed.
  - Debbie said that we need to complete the transfers from Water & Sewer to Employee Benefits. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve transferring \$12,000.00 from Water & Sewer to Employee Benefits, Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

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

**Adjournment:** Brian Pruitt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., Tom Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Tom Wilkinson  
Jim Zvolanek  
Brian Pruitt

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk