

City of Kanopolis
January 11, 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 January 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Rebekah Tripp, Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Brian Pruitt, Tom Wilkinson and Jim Zvolanek.

Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins

Citizens: Elena Gonzalez, Thaniel Monaco, Karen Bonar by phone

Swore in newly elected Mayor Anthony Hopkins and councilmembers Michelle Schwerdtfeger and Brian Pruitt.

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated December 12, 2023, Brian Pruitt 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the Treasurer's report dated December 31, 2023, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

Citizens: None.

Old Business:

- Water Project – Mayor Hopkins asked if we could pass on the water project until Thaniel Monaco arrived. Once Thaniel arrived we continued with the water project. Thaniel said that he has been in contact with Dan Fischer from USDA Rural Development, who took over after Dave Barber's passing. As of 10/1/23, USDA RD modified the way that they fund projects. All projects had to be entered into their computer system before 10/1/23. The projects entered after 10/1/23 have to use the 2020 Census for medium household income which put the City in a different bracket. Per Thaniel, worst case scenario, the City would not get a grant but would get 100% of the project funded by a loan but would have a lower interest rate. If this is the case, water rates would have to be raised approximately \$20.00 per month. Best case scenario, USDA RD could give a grant for \$400,000.00 & a loan for the remaining project costs. In this case, water rates would have to be raised \$8.00 per month. Per Thaniel, there is a 50/50 chance that USDA RD will consider using the prior guidelines. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to apply for the Peterson grant to help alleviate costs.

- Personnel Handbook update – Debbie Kralik updated the Personnel Handbook to include the council approving selling back vacation at the end of the year & minor other changes. Tom Wilkinson motioned to approve the Personnel Handbook, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.
- Insurance for Fort Harker Museum – After discussing, Tom Wilkinson motioned to decline full coverage on the Fort Harker Museum & keep the general liability coverage for \$96.00 per year, Brian Pruitt 2nd. Motion carried.

New business:

- New City Attorney – Melissa Miller sent an email to Mayor Hopkins saying that she will no longer be working for Sherman, Hoffman & Hoffman. Mayor Hopkins talked to Patrick Hoffman about becoming the city’s attorney & he agreed to take the position. Brian Pruitt motioned to appoint Patrick Hoffman as the City Attorney, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.
- Review of Emergency Water Plan – Well #8 was added last year but Tom Wilkinson & Mike Bunch said that they thought the gallons per minute & PSI were incorrect. Mike Bunch to check tomorrow & let Debbie know.
- 2024-O-01 GAAP Waiver for 2023 – Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the 2024-O-01 GAAP Waiver for 2023, Brian Pruitt 2nd. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Mike reported that they will soon start working on dredging the sewer ponds.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Nothing to report.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Brian Pruitt – Brian to get with the Mayor & Mike to look at streets for slurry sealing.
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Nothing to report.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Michelle said that there is a pothole in front of the community room that needs to be taken care of.
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik – Debbie wanted to remind Tom about the deadlines for the Big Kansas Road Trip. Tom said that he has everything ready but has not heard back from Stacie Schmidt.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

Payment of Bills: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pay the bills, Brian Pruitt 2nd. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Brian Pruitt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Tom Wilkinson
Jim Zvolanek
Brian Pruitt
Rebekah Tripp
Michelle Schwerdtfeger

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk