

**City of Kanopolis**  
**August 9, 2022, 5:27 p.m.**  
**Abatement meeting**  
**Kanopolis City Hall**  
**100 S Kansas**  
**Kanopolis, KS 67454**

The council of the City of Kanopolis held a hearing in accordance with Resolution 2022-R-08 regarding the property at 420 S Iowa.

Mayor Hopkins began by reading Resolution 2022-R-08 regarding the hearing. He said over a year ago that the abatement process was started for 420 S Iowa. In that time, there has been no progress & if nothing else it has gotten worse. Bill Weaver said that he received a building permit & is building a basement, house, and courtyard. Bill is utilizing all the materials on the property to complete this. It will have cinder block walls. Bill said that Judge Svaty told him to work solely on property. He has had 1 vehicle vandalized. Rebekah Tripp said that there have been many items started with nothing completed. Bill said he was taking care of the weeds. He is having cement poured tomorrow morning at 9:00. Michelle Schwerdtfeger asked why he hasn't started before now. Bill said he was working on it & then the rains came & he had to start again. Rebekah said that school will be starting soon & children will inadvertently walk around which is a danger. Bill said he has a lack of funds & he is on disability, but everything has been purchased. Peggy Svaty said she has heard the same story over & over & over again. When he went to court, she allowed him to choose the date to complete & pointed out what needs to be done. Mayor Hopkins said that he would like to move forward with the abatement process with no more extensions. Rebekah Tripp said he needs to focus on 1 thing at a time & if progress is made, we can stop the abatement process. Mayor Hopkins said that just because you pour concrete does not mean progress. The council agreed to move forward with the abatement process.

The council of the City of Kanopolis met in regular session on August 9, 2022, at 5:49 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

Present: Council members Tom Wilkinson, Rebecca Tripp, and Michelle Schwerdtfeger  
Presiding: Anthony Hopkins  
Absent: Jimi Zvolanek, Greg Tripp  
Citizens: Karen Bonar, Peggy Svaty, Bill Weaver

**Approval of minutes:** Tom Wilkinson motioned to approve the minutes dated July 12, 2022, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Debbie Kralik said that the treasurer is trying to find the discrepancy that occurred when the auditor had made changes. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the treasurer's report dated July 2022, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Citizens:**

- Karen Bonar with the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter said she was at the City of Ellsworth's meeting & they spoke about how well the City of Kanopolis is doing on their clean up efforts.

**Old Business:**

- Budget
  - Debbie Kralik said that she heard from the Craig Dassow at Long & Associates & there was missing information in the initial budget that was published. He sent a revised budget that needs to be published in the paper & will need a special meeting to adopt. That meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2022.
- Water Project – no updates from the engineering firm. Tom Wilkinson would like to see preliminary drawings because he is afraid that there will be a problem with the height of the tower. Mayor Hopkins will contact the engineer for the drawings.
- Abatements - Peggy Svaty said that when abatements come to court, she allows the owners to select the time needed to complete. After that date, she will drive by to see if progress has been made. If she sees progress, she might extend it again. Rebekah Tripp said that the council has been gracious & they hear plenty of excuses. Debbie Kralik said that there is no penalty for non-compliance. Mayor Hopkins asked if a citation could be issued. Debbie Kralik to contact Melissa Miller about adding a fee for non-compliance. Tom Wilkinson asked about the property at 220 N Colorado. Although we abated the property, they have not been keeping it mowed. Tom also asked about Bill Stone's property. Mayor Hopkins said it needs to be added to the abatement list. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to email Chief Weigel about sending letters for the junk cars.
- Drinking Water Protection Plan – Tabled.
- Street Sealing – South Central Paving is starting on the streets this week. It was discussed whether to accept the bid for \$91,003.68 or to take some of the roads of the list. Mayor Hopkins said that next year, bids will need to be good for at least 90 days. Mayor Hopkins asked Aaron Burwell if they need more AB3. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve \$1500.00 for AB3 delivered, Tom

Wilkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Tom Wilkins motioned to accept the bid from South Central Paving for \$91,003.68, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

#### **New business:**

- Sewer Cleaning – Mayor Hopkins was contacted by Top Shelf Utility for services to clean the sewers. Mayor Hopkins said that he didn't think it was needed at this time, but it's good to have options and asked Aaron Burwell to use fire trucks to clear the troubled spaces.
- KDOT Cost Share – We have 2 projects from Kirkham Michael for Curb, guttering & sidewalks or Sidewalks only. Mayor Hopkins would like to table this at this time. Council agreed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Aaron Burwell – There was a missed Nitrate sampling on well #8 so a letter will need to be sent with the water bills again. Debbie Kralik will make sure this doesn't happen again. Mayor Hopkins said to make the abatement of 304 S Colorado the #1 priority. Also, would like to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority street sweeping on Ohio.
- Municipal Judge – Nothing to report.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp asked about the building at 109 West 5<sup>th</sup> St. She said the skirting is coming off the trailer & windows have been broken. She said the garage is falling down & is dangerous. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to send a letter to the owner.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Absent
- Streets & Alleys – Greg Tripp – Absent
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Tom asked if the variable speed pump had been purchased.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Michelle asked if there were grants available to make downtown look better. Mayor Hopkins said he would check with ECED about available grants. Michelle also asked about sending a welcome basket with gift certificates to the new business in town. Also sending flowers to the owner of A Lost Art. Council approved the welcome basket & flowers. Michelle asked if we could get the Chief of Police to start attending meetings. Mayor Hopkins said that because he doesn't get off work until 7:00, he is unable to attend. The Council asks that the Chief provide a report monthly if he cannot attend the meeting.
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik – Debbie asked about writing off the utility bills for Vicki Morris & Victoria Schrock. The actual utility amounts are 213.67 & 144.22. Debbie sent the utility bill for Morris to the County Clerk, but Schrock was already sold before she could get it added to the tax assessment. Council approved

writing off. Debbie let the council know that she received the dividend check from EMC Insurance for \$6218.75. Debbie said that her notary was due to be renewed and asked the council if they wanted the assistant to become a notary as well. Council approved having the assistant become a notary as well. Debbie handed out keys to the tree dump to the council. Debbie was approached to become a sponsor for Bearcat Youth Football. The council declined to commit to that sponsor.

➤ Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

**Payment of Bills:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to pay the bills, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Anthony Hopkins  
Tom Wilkinson  
Michelle Schwerdtfeger  
Rebekah Tripp

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk