

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

Present: Council members Brian Pruitt, Rebekah Tripp, Michelle Schwerdtfeger, and Jim Zvolanek.  
Absent: Tom Wilkinson  
Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Citizens: Karen Bonar, Jack Modrow, Emma Moore, McKenna Hoss, Shawnka Goode, Kami Rohr, Samantha Couch, Riley Steinhouse, Katelyn Soukup, Akira Stroede

**Approval of minutes:** Brian Pruitt motioned to approve the minutes dated August 8, 2023, Jim Zvolanek 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the August 2023 Treasurer's report with pending discrepancies, Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Water Project – Pre-bid meeting was September 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall. There were two contractors that attended & asked questions. The anticipated project award is scheduled for October 10, 2023 & the anticipated notice to proceed is November 1, 2023. Estimated final completion date is September 2024.
- Nanny scaping – The council gave the Nanny Scaping company until September allowing them to conduct business in town. Brian Pruitt motioned to allow Nanny Scaping to continue & the council to review as needed, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- ECMC Signs – Tabled until the October 2023 meeting.
- Bids on Police Vehicles – Debbie Kralik let the council know that she has not received any bids on the vehicles, but Elena Gonzalez showed her a website peddle.com where you can sell your vehicles online. Debbie received quotes of \$370.00 for the 1995 Chevrolet S Truck & \$335.00 for the 2008 Crown Victoria. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to place the ad in the newspaper one more time & if still no response, will look at selling online.

**New business:**

- New Cemetery Plots – Debbie Kralik said that she has been discussing the new cemetery plots with the EW Co Register of deeds. When she went to the register

of deeds, it was noted that the cemetery had not been plotted since its original inception. There have been 4 upgrades that have never been plotted with the register of deeds. Although Sam Paull plotted the cemetery for the City, he never signed it & he has since retired. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to contact Sam Paull to see if he can still sign or we need to get new plotting done.

- Stacy Hicks requested \$400.00 for the Recreation Committee for the annual Trunk or Treat on main street. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve \$400.00 for the Annual Trunk or Treat, Rebekah Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

- City Employees – Aaron Burwell – Nothing to report. Mayor Hopkins asked Aaron to spray the weeds at the community center again.
- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Mrs. Kyler is working on getting grants for a walking path at the old football field.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Brian Pruitt – Nothing to report.
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Absent.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Nothing to report.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – Michelle asked Aaron to either spray or weed eat the weeds in the road at Iowa & Ohio. Aaron said that he is still waiting on the new broom bristles to arrive.
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik
  - Debbie asked the Mayor if he had talked to Kimbree Hopkins about the fall cleanup. There is still \$2678.52 left from the approved \$4000.00 from the summer clean up. Debbie would like to apply for a matching grant from Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the fall clean up as November 3, 4, & 5, 2023, Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - Debbie said that the Library board had a new librarian in mind but had some questions. Shawnka Goode said that they want to offer the position to Justine Genta. Shawnka asked the council what they wanted the starting wage to be. The council approved the starting wage of \$11.00 with a 90 day probation period & would then raise to \$12.00. Heather McClendon will train her. The Central Kansas Library System will also provide training.
  - Debbie said that she called 3 contractors for estimates to fix the bathrooms at the park. Dewald Construction was supposed to do the estimate the week of August 28, 2023, but she has not heard from them. Briseno Construction was there today & will send the estimate as soon as possible. There still hasn't been any information from the insurance company. Mayor Hopkins said that although there is a criminal case against the juveniles, the City

would probably never see any money unless the City goes after the parents.

- Debbie wanted the council to know that the proceeds from the Firefighters Relief fund were depleted. Mayor Hopkins & Brian Pruitt said that the plumbing & the approach were going to be paid for by the fire department.
- Jeffrey Holtz came into city hall & asked if he could place a bench near his mom's grave. Brian Pruitt motioned to approve Jeffrey Holtz placing a concrete bench near his mother's grave, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- EW Co Independent Reporter sent a request for Newspapers in Education. Karen Bonar said that in the past the City was a Gold sponsor. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve Gold Sponsor for Newspapers in Education, Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

➤ Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

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

**Adjournment:** Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m., Brian Pruitt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins  
Tom Wilkinson  
Jim Zvolanek  
Rebekah Tripp  
Brian Pruitt

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Debra S. Stroede-Kralik  
City Clerk