

City of Kanopolis
July 11, 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 July 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kanopolis City Hall.

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

Presiding: Mayor Anthony Hopkins

Citizens: Tim Bobbett, Karen Bonar, Kate Schneider, Kim Schneider, Rachel Svoboda, Elizabeth Svoboda

Approval of minutes: Jim Zvolanek motioned to approve the minutes dated June 13, 2023 & Special meeting June 27, 2023, Michelle Schwerdtfeger 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's report, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Citizens:

- Kim & Kate Schneider are starting a Nannyscaping business and asked the council permission to operate within the city limits. The goats will not reside in town. They have several customers interested in using this to clean up their property. Typically, it will take a few days, but they have 1 customer that may take up to 2 weeks to complete. The goats will be completely fenced in with an electric fence & will be sheltered in trailers overnight. Mayor Hopkins said this was a good thing & would help with the town clean up, but he would like to have a 60 day trial period before approving full time. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to allow goats to graze in city limits for a trial period of 60 days & will review at September's meeting, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.
- Rachel Svoboda asked for approval to discharge fireworks on July 22, 2023, for her daughter's birthday. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to allow fireworks on July 22, 2023, until 10:00 p.m., Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Water Project – Thaniel Monaco said there are some minor changes to the water tower plans from USDA Rural Development. He hopes to have an advertisement to me by Monday, July 17, 2023. Thaniel is looking at having the bids in by August 18, 2023 & then have a special meeting to approve the bid. Mayor Hopkins asked if we could keep the old water tower. USDA Rural Development said that there isn't a problem keeping it. Mike Bunch said that it was said in the

beginning of the water project that we couldn't keep it. Debbie Kralik said that the grant that was given by CDBG was done & that USDA Rural Development was giving us a grant now so we should be able to keep it. The only question would be if it was worth keeping because of the upkeep. Tom Wilkinson said he thought there would be an issue with water pressure because of having a 6" water line going to a 10" water line. Mike Bunch asked if they could change the plans from 6" to 10". Tom said that we could have an additional 6" line installed. Tom emailed Thaniel about this issue 2 years ago & has never received a response. Mayor Hopkins told Debbie to email Thaniel & have him contact Tom to get the answer to his questions before moving forward.

- Abatements – Mayor Hopkins would like to have 206 S Kansas put on the list for abatement. Several mowing letters were sent & the only one that did nothing was 520 S Iowa. Tom Wilkinson asked about the old grocery store & what used to be Langston's. Mayor Hopkins said he has been approached by several people asking what the city was doing with the property at 109 N Kansas. There are grants available, but it would still be costly because the grants usually only give 50% of the cost to repair.

New business:

- Sand for 5th Street – White's Construction who grades 5th street asked for sand for the road. Mike Bunch said that they have AB3 that they can put on it. Sand will just wash away.
- 2024 Budget Revenue Neutral Rate – Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned not to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for 2024 Budget, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie Kralik to contact the accountant & ask them to adjust the mill levy so there are no increases to taxes.

Committee Reports:

- City Employees – Mike Bunch – Lagoon cleaners will be here on Friday to get landowner permissions & will determine when the project will be completed. Joh Parrish did the sewer line cleanings & suggested that we continue this at least once per year. The water tower hatch is still open, but someone should be here next Tuesday to shut it. Mike said that there are numerous people in town who have stopped mowing their ditches. Mayor Hopkins asked that since it's a city easement, whose responsibility would it be. Mayor Hopkins asked Debbie to contact the city attorney for a ruling & then post that ruling on Facebook & in the newsletter. Mayor Hopkins asked Mike if they could use some help from a person who has community service to do. The person can only work on the weekends though. Mike said that there is always someone working on the weekends so it shouldn't be a problem. Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel at 6:32 for 10 minutes, Jim Zvolanek 2nd. Motion carried. Resumed meeting at 6:42. The council approved Shane Hall doing community service on weekends.

The priority would be mowing. Mike said that the KDHE inspection of the sewer ponds was completed was in compliance.

- Municipal Judge – Absent.
- City Properties – Rebekah Tripp – Rebekah asked about the manhole cover by 520 S Iowa. Mike Bunch said it has been repaired.
- Sewer & Cemetery – Jim Zvolanek – Nothing to report.
- Streets & Alleys – Brian Pruitt – Absent.
- Water – Tom Wilkinson – Tom Wilkinson said that West B Street has a patch that was missed when they slurry sealed the streets. Mike will contact South Central Sealing for repairs.
- Mayor – Mayor Hopkins – Mayor Hopkins would like to thank all of the volunteers, the Recreation committee, Fire Department & Fort Harker Committee for another successful Fort Harker Days. Mayor Hopkins said that he was approached by Anthony Lamia about possibly requesting a rate hike for solid waste removal. Anthony was still crunching the numbers but wanted the council to be aware that it would be coming.
- President of Council – Michelle Schwerdtfeger – City Wide Clean up days is still set for July 28 through July 30. Debbie Kralik to put on Facebook & on the marquee. Debbie to also send a survey about the lead & copper pipes to residents. Debbie will contact KWRA to see if they have a survey that she could use.
- City Clerk - Debbie Kralik – Debbie let Smoky Hill Charitable Foundation use the community room for free since they approve grant money for the city.
- Chief of Police – Jeff Weigel – Absent

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

Adjournment: Michelle Schwerdtfeger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM, Tom Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Mayor Anthony Hopkins
Tom Wilkinson
Jim Zvolanek
Rebekah Tripp
Michelle Schwerdtfeger

ATTEST

Debra S. Stroede-Kralik
City Clerk