

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Sean Honer, Sharon Haun, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, and Larry Siegrist also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Brian Henderson, and Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, James Crosby, Pastor Billy Kryger, Rev. Adam Reichart, Toni Steere, Vern Hay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Reverend Adam Reichart

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- March 7, 2023, Minutes
- March 7, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Highway 56 Resurfacing: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that Shilling Construction will start the mill and overlay from Belfry to 4th street starting the first part of May. Shilling will also be looking at our allies in the 1 and 2 hundred block of downtown.

- **Water Tower Update: Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige**

Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige updated the Council on the rehab work being done on the water tower. Superintendent Craige informed the Council that Viking Industries has started work on the Water Tower and hoped to have the work completed by the end of April. Superintendent Craige said that the Water Tower has been drained and the water department employee started a rotation of 12 hours shifts to supervise the Water Plant and the pumps that will be supplying water residents.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Toni Steere – Water Bill**

Toni Steere addressed the Council regarding a high-water bill for January and February at 729 Hockaday. Mrs. Steere said her water bill for February was \$625 dollars and her bill for February was \$1237. The city notified Mrs. Steere on March 6th regarding her high water usage and advised her she has a leak and shut the water off to the residences. The Water Department pulled the meter and tested it to insure it was working properly. The meter tested plus or minus 2, which is deemed accurate by both Neptune and the city code. After more discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to waive the sewer fees for 3 months of high water usage. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Softball Club - Jim Crosby:**

Jim Crosby representing the Softball Club requested the use of the Softball Fields for the adult Summer League. Mr. Crosby said this will be the 8th season and the Softball Club and it has raised \$76,387.36 and paid out \$8,500 for umpires, \$1,700 in scorekeeper fees per year and also donated \$15,000 to Council Grove Recreation Department. Mr. Crosby also said that part of the money raised was for fundraisers and gave back a total of \$41,945.18 for members of the Community. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **CG Recreation Summer Seasonal Employees Appointments:**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed the following Summer Seasonal Employees and asked for a motion to approve her appointments. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion passed 5 – 0

Name	Position	Wage
Lauren Carlson	Pool Manager	\$13.50
Current Training >	(WSI/Lifeguard/CPR/First Aide)	
Pending	Asst. Pool Manager	\$9.91

Name	Position	Wage
Allison Hower	Lifeguard- 3rd year	\$9.00
Gavin Mills	Lifeguard- 3rd year	\$9.00
Myles Gant	Lifeguard- 3rd year	\$9.00
Casaiia Mullen	Lifeguard- 2nd year	\$8.50
Elizabeth Armstrong	Lifeguard- 2nd year	\$8.50
Koen Hula	Lifeguard- 2nd year	\$8.50
Lillian Zeigler	Lifeguard- 2nd year	\$8.50
Brooklynn Wangerin	Lifeguard- 1st year	\$8.25
Paul Bessmer	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Kierni Mullen	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Mason Wilkens	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Haylie Grant	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
MaKenzie Grant	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Abigail Allen	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Creighton Simeka	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Ace Monihen	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Marlee Gant	Lifeguard - 1st year	\$8.25
Amanda Talley	Concessions	\$7.69
Bradley Doornbos	Concessions	\$7.69
Brecken McEuen	Concessions	\$7.69
Brenah Cannon	Concessions	\$7.69
Bryce Azbell	Concessions	\$7.69
Camren Conger	Concessions	\$7.69
Capri Gant	Concessions	\$7.69
Cienna Good	Concessions	\$7.69
Elkan Spear	Concessions	\$7.69
Emily Bacon	Concessions	\$7.69
Emily Teter	Concessions	\$7.69
Grady Kepley	Concessions	\$7.69
Hallie Frazier	Concessions	\$7.69
Hannah Peterson	Concessions	\$7.69
Hollyn Zeigler	Concessions	\$7.69
Leo White	Concessions	\$7.69

Linkin Sherwood	Concessions	\$7.69
Marlie Hayes	Concessions	\$7.69
Maxton Villalobos	Concessions	\$7.69
Neenah Hesterman	Concessions	\$7.69
Whitlyn Mullen	Concessions	\$7.69
Willow Hutchinson	Concessions	\$7.69
Mija Carlson	Maint. 3+	\$11.00
Braun Frye	Maint. New	\$10.00

- **Council Grove Fire Department: Floor Replacement – Meeting Room:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the Council with an estimate to replace the flooring in the conference room at the Fire Department. Administrator Jones said the tile flooring is peeling up and needs to be replaced. The estimate is from Epoxy Brothers LLC. included in the scope of work to include removal of existing flooring, grind the floor to CSP rating of 3, crack fill with sand epoxy mix and grind back down once cured, put down base coat, apply the flake, apply the epoxy topcoat, apply a scratch resistant top at a cost of \$5,700. Councilperson Sean Honer said he stopped the Fire Station and agreed the flooring needed to be replaced and noted some other areas that need attention. After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the estimate from Epoxy Brothers in the amount of \$5,700 from the Fire Department Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Utilities Department Recommendation:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Utilities Committee recommending a pay increase for John Veh from \$20.00 to \$21.50 for successfully passing his Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control Course Certification. Pay increase will be effective as of March 22nd, 2023. After Discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee to purchase the following equipment below from Rescue Specialists in the amount of \$17,480. After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the purchase from Rescue Specialists in the amount of \$17,480 coming from the Fire Department Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun.

Motion Carried 5 - 0

EXTH-30-COAX	QTY 2	\$2,060
30ft Coax Hose Demo 30 Foot Banded Twin Line Clipped extension Hose; Coaxial Coupler		
S-200-32-COAX	QTY 1	\$6,250
Heavy Duty 32in Spreader w/ COAX Demo 32 Inch Brute Force Spreader (Coax Couplers)		
SLC-29-COAX	QTY 1	\$4,900
Standard Duty Cutter w/ COAX Demo 8 Inch C-Cutter (Coax Couplers)		
TLS-50-COAX	QTY 1	\$4,270
Telescoping 50in Ram w/ COAX Demo 50in telescoping Ram with a collapsed Length of 21in (coax couplers)		

529016 Big Push Plate for TLS-25/50

Demo 5 1/2in Push Plate for TLS-50 & TLS-25 0.00 1 0.00

QTY 1 \$0

• **Greenwood Cemetery Mowing: Sealed Bids**

City Administrator Nick Jones said no bids were received for the mowing and weed eating of Greenwood Cemetery. Administrator Jones said the next option was to contract with Express Employment Services out of Manhattan for temporary workers at a cost of \$21 dollars an hour for weed eating and the Streets and Parks Department would handle the mowing. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve moving forward with Express Employment Services at a cost of \$21 dollars an hour. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 5 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said she had spoken with some of the residents regarding spraying and putting rocks around the headstones to cut back on weed eating and received positive feedback. Mayor Schwerdtfeger also thanked Rotary for picking up trash behind Rays and Boltons.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Denise Hartman** – Absent
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – said he toured the Fire Department and noted that there were some issues that will need to be addressed from a general maintenance stand point to insure the facility is maintained. Thanked Colby Pattnode for tearing out the old flooring in the conference room at the Fire Department.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson:** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said he had been in contact with Express Employment regarding Summer Seasonal help to weed eat Greenwood Cemetery and wanted the Council to know before moving forward with the conversation.

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0



Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 

Nick Jones City Administrator

