

City Council Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Keith Wessel, Mark Brooks, Sharon Haun, Mark Berner, and Larry Siegrist. City Attorney Bill Halvorsen and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Larry Siegrist seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- June 15, 2021, Minutes
- June 15, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: C-16, D-2, D-3

Motion carried 6 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

- **North Riverwalk Extension – Update:**

City Administrator Nick Jones reported that most of the concrete work was completed by Bryant and Bryant construction and that lighting should be completed by the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Recreation Department Appointment and Pool Manager Training/Certification Pay Increase**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Evelyn White to Concessions worker at a pay rate of \$7.69 per hour. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve her appointment. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the appointment of Evelyn White to concession worker at a pay rate of \$7.69. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel. Motion Carried 5 – 0

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger presented to the City Council that Pool Manager Lauren Carlson completed CPR, First Aid, Lifeguard and WSI training and was due a pay raise of .25 for each completed certification. Mayor Schwerdtfeger informed the Council that Lauren Carlson current pay rate is \$11.00 and with the completion of the certification Lauren's new pay rate will be \$12.00 effective July 7, 2021. Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the pay raise for Lauren Carlson. The motion was seconded by Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Office Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Amy Lif to City Custodian**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Amy Lif to the contracted position of City Custodian at a pay rate of \$600 per month. Mayor Schwerdtfeger noted that Amy Lif will be responsible for cleaning of City Hall, Fire Department, and Recreation Building (Armory). Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve her appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the appointment of Amy Lif to the contracted position of City Custodian at a pay rate of \$600 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0

- **Police and Fire Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Victor Massey to Class B Officer**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Victor Massey from part-time Police Officer to full-time Class B officer at a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour with a 6-month probationary period. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the appointment of Victor Massey to full-time Class B officer at a pay rate of \$16.50 with a 6-month probationary period. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **City Employee Raises**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read through the merit raises suggested for the city employees after evaluation were completed. It was noted by Councilperson Mark Brooks that the raises were budgeted for in the 2020-2021 budget. City Administrator pointed out the raises for the Utilities Department come for the sale of water and sewer.

Utilities Department – New Hourly Pay Rates

- Derrick Craige - \$28.00
- David Siemers - \$14.28

Streets and Parks Department – New Hourly Pay Rates

- Jeff Barbo - \$20.66
- Brad Rathke - \$14.79
- Mark Meador - \$14.28

Police Department – New Hourly Pay Rates

- Shawn Wangerin - \$23.85
- Raymond Fowler - \$20.54
- Jason Bacon - \$19.92
- Jimmie Blackburn - \$19.42
- Terry Lif - \$19.42

• **Recreation Department – New Hourly Pay Rates**

- Justin Carlson - \$20.86

• **City Hall – New Hourly/Salary Pay Rates**

- Nick Jones - Salary \$122.40 per pay period
- Theresa Drube - \$16.64
- Laura Worrell - \$15.75
- Megan Weaver - \$14.47
- James Masters - \$22.95

Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the proposed merit raises for the city employees. A motion was made by Councilperson Keith Wessel to approve the proposed merit raises. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

• **Utilities Department Recommendation: David Siemers Water 1 Certification Pay Increase**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed David Siemers from Utilities Department Apprentice to Water Operator 1 with a pay raise on \$1.00 for the successful completion of the State of Kansas Water Operator 1 Certification. David Siemers new pay rate is \$15.28 to take effect on July 7, 2021. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the of David Siemers to Water Operator 1 with a pay rate of \$15.28. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion Carried 6 – 0

• **Belfry/Conn Under Wash Bids:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented two bids from Hartman Masonry and Creed Construction to repair the under wash and ballads on Belfry and Conn. The bud received from Hartman Masonry was in the amount of \$13,300 to complete the work and the bid from Creed Construction was \$31,750. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to accept the bid from Hartman Masonry in the amount of \$13,300. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0

• **Office Committee Recommendation – Vehicle for City Hall**

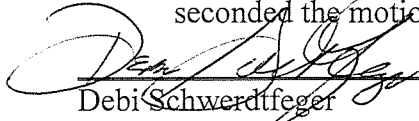
City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Office Committee to purchase a vehicle for City Hall. Administrator Jones noted that the current vehicle he is driving has been having mechanical issues on and off. Administrator Jones also said he reached out to Bolton Chrysler, Schwerdtfeger Auto, and Bolen Auto and spoke to all three about finding a vehicle for the city. Schwerdtfeger Auto was the only one that was able to locate a couple of vehicles. The first vehicle being a 2016 Chevy Equinox front wheel drive with 60,000 miles on it. The second vehicle being a 2018 Chevy Equinox AWD with 26,000 miles for \$24,495. City Administrator Jones pointed out that the 2018 was more then what was requested but was an option. After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to purchase the 2018 Chevy Equinox AWD with 26,000 miles for \$24,495 to come out of Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – requested that the 1 and 2 hundred blocks be shut down from 6:45 – 7:30pm on Saturday July 17, 2021, for a staged bank robbery to conclude the Gun Fight on the Santa Fe Trail. After discussion a motion was made by Jason Booker to allow the closure of the 1 and 2 hundred block of downtown from 6:45 – 7:30pm for the

staged bank robbery. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – asked if anyone was aware of the Flood Plan Mapping for Morris County. City Administrator Nick Jones informed the City Council that City Inspector James Masters has been keeping track of the Flood Plan Mapping changes. Councilperson Siegrist also inquired from the Republican paper had removed the information property tax sale.
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked the city crews for picking up the limbs from the storm and commented on the good the fireworks show was.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – asked the Council if they would be available for a Budget work study on Thursday July 8th. The Council suggested the July 27,28, or 29th. Administrator Jones said he would reach out to Cindy Jensen to confirm a date and let the Council know. Administrator Jones also informed the Council that there are trees at the Riverwalk Park that have bag worms and the city crew is aware and will get them taken care of.
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – thanked the Police Department for great traffic control leaving the Fireworks show at the Bolton Complex. Mayor Schwerdtfeger also asked about the spring on Conn Street that always runs water. Administrator Jones informed the Council that the City has looked at the issues and there is no solution to control the natural spring.
- Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

