

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

SUBLETTE, KS

AUGUST 1, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Sublette, Kansas met in regular session at 7:10pm with Mayor Lawrence Hoerman presiding and the following members of the City Council present: Tom Stoppel, Jason Vaughan, Cassie Davis and Denton Unruh. Leon Birney arrived at 7:07pm Also present were City Attorney Lynn Koehn, City Superintendent Daylen Elsey, City Clerk Shayla Makings, City Treasurer Becky Morris and Sheriff Troy Briggs. Visitors were Trampas Moke, Jay Meyer, Greg Stoppel, Lance Davis and Sarah Koehn.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and the special meeting were approved as distributed with a motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Stoppel. The motion carried 4-0.

Jay Meyer was present on behalf of the Centennial Committee and the Chamber of Commerce. He requested a vote to approve at least an initial budget for the centennial celebration which is set for the first weekend in June 2023. Councilmember Unruh motioned to allocate up to \$10,000 of the 2023 budget for the Centennial Celebration organized by the Sublette Chamber of Commerce subject to expenses being approved by council; Councilmember Vaughan seconded. Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmembers Stoppel and Davis opposing.

Greg Stoppel requested a definite answer regarding the removal of dirt from the Cain land to provide the final layer on the landfill which would save the county approximately \$18,000. Councilmember Birney motioned to approve the removal, Councilmember Vaughan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Sheriff Troy Briggs was present to give the monthly law enforcement report. He gave an update on their radio equipment upgrade.

Attorney Lynn Koehn presented the proposed contract allowing Lance Davis to have first call on tows within the city limits in exchange for him taking care of nuisance vehicles as well as the proposed amended Contract for Law Enforcement. Sheriff Briggs would like to meet with Attorney Koehn to go over some modifications to the proposed contract, Lance Davis agreed that there are some modifications he'd like to see as well. Trampas Moke opposed the contract and after discussion both Lance Davis and Trampas Moke agreed to tow nuisance vehicles within city limits at no cost to the city or vehicle owners on a rotation basis and the Council came to a consensus to proceed as such without a contract.

Attorney Lynn Koehn informed the Council that he's talked with Sarah Cooley, who is uncertain if she's willing to perform Code Enforcement Officer duties for only Sublette, as Satanta has decided to table discussion of the position for the time being. The Council discussed appointing a different applicant at least until the first of the year. The Council agreed to ask Alan Watson to come to the next meeting.

Attorney Lynn Koehn reminded the Council that he won't be present for the September meetings.

Mayor Hoerman asked about passing an ordinance to allow utility terrain vehicles (UTV's) to be driven within the city providing certain requirements are met. He requested that Attorney Koehn present an ordinance to address the issue.

Superintendent Elsey was present to give the monthly water report and discussed the potential need to impose water restrictions due to drought conditions. Discussion followed regarding the need to drill an additional well to meet city water demands. Superintendent Elsey detailed the multitude of leaks his department dealt with over the last month on north Inman. He requested that the Council allow him to have Frank's Plumbing bore under the streets in the park area to replace some old water lines and prevent further issues. Councilmember Birney made a motion to allow up to \$6,000 for repairs, Councilmember Unruh seconded. Motion passed 5-0 with councilmember Vaughan abstaining due to the proximity of the pipe to his house.

Mayor Hoerman was contacted by a former resident who believes Sublette needs a tennis court and a pickle ball court and is willing to provide financial assistance and look into available grants. The Council discussed potential areas a court could be placed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Birney, seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve and allow payment of the bills as distributed. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Hoerman reminded the Council of September meetings.

Councilmember Unruh made a motion to adjourn at 8:52p.m., seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. The motion carried 5-0.

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SHAYLA MAKINGS