

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

SUBLETTE, KS

MAY 2, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Sublette, Kansas met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Lawrence Hoerman presiding and the following members of the City Council present: Cassie Davis, Denton Unruh, Leon Birney, Tom Stoppel, and Jason Vaughan. Councilmember Unruh needed to leave the meeting as Superintendent Elsey was starting his water report and was present for the rest of the meeting by phone. Also present were City Superintendent Daylen Elsey, Sergeant Victor Mora, Attorney Lynn Koehn, Fire Chief Rusty Sherwood and City Clerk Shayla Makings. Visitors were Marcedies Vogts, Jarrod Weeks, Janie Welsh, Jay Meyer, Tina Stoppel, and Greg Stoppel.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as distributed with a motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Davis. The motion carried 5-0.

Jay Meyer requested the City add a budget line item in the amount of \$20,000 for 2023 to assist in funding the Centennial Celebration for Sublette.

Mayor Lawrence Hoerman introduced Marcedies Vogts, manager of the swimming pool for 2022. She recommended hiring all lifeguard applicants to have enough staff for shift rotations. Councilmember Vaughan motioned, Councilmember Unruh seconded to hire Keeton Mason, Korbin Mason, Danial Banman, Ariana Ornelas, and Zylah Berg at minimum wage, and to hire Tregan Parr and Hannah Tyler at minimum wage plus an additional \$0.25 per hour as returning employees. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Leon Birney initiated discussion around purchasing land from Rick Redd in order to put in a pond.

Greg Stoppel requested that the Council consider selling a portion of the Cain land, regarding enlarging the existing emergency pit to provide topsoil for capping the landfill. The Council agreed to make a decision next month.

Sergeant Victor Mora was present to give the monthly law enforcement report. Councilmember Stoppel addressed a concern brought to him about a noise complaint over the weekend. Councilmember Birney asked if anyone had found out if the stop signs at 180th and Highway 83 were owned by the county or if they were owned by the development due to a large number of people running the stop signs.

Fire Chief Rusty Sherwood was present to give the monthly fire report. He gave an update on repairs for the firetruck, it will be going into the shop tomorrow. He notified the Council that their radios are becoming inoperable at an increasing rate and repairs are costly. The Council requested quotes on new radios. Discussion followed regarding fire hydrants and repainting them according to regulation.

City Clerk Shayla Makings requested that salaries for City Treasurer and Court Clerk be discussed. Councilmember Birney motioned to pay Becky Morris \$190 a month for City Treasurer duties, Councilmember Vaughan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Davis motioned to pay Shayla Makings \$300 a month for Court Clerk duties to be completed during city business hours or outside of city business hours as long as the work gets completed in a timely manner, Councilmember Vaughan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Elsey gave the monthly water report. He presented quotes for street sealing and explained his sealing rotation. Councilmember Vaughan moved to approve Daylen to purchase oil and gravel not to exceed \$70,000 for street sealing, Councilmember Birney seconded. Motion passed 5-0

He reported on the removal of nuisance vehicles and the difficulty in doing so. He reported a door being kicked in at the pool storage building. He discussed the variable frequency drive on the electric well to be replaced and stated he received a quote from Hancock Electric for a used VFD for \$9,921 including installation and a one year warranty. Stanion provided a quote for refurbishing the current VFD, which requires a 6-8 week turnaround with a one year warranty and not including installation and would cost approximately \$13,000. A brand new VFD from Stanion would cost approximately \$17,000. Councilmember Vaughan motioned, Councilmember Davis seconded to purchase a used unit from Hancock Electric. Motion passed 5-0.

He discussed his notification system needing a software update which would cost \$650 per site plus \$150 in labor per site. Our monthly service fee would remain the same. Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve the upgrade not to exceed \$3,500 from Presley Solutions/Conestoga Industries, Councilmember Birney seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Birney motioned to appoint Isaak Giesbrecht to the Zoning Committee, Councilmember Vaughan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Lynn Koehn discussed the legality of designating the Haskell County News as the City's official publication. It was decided that at this time, we cannot legally make that designation. He also discussed railroad crossings and safety issues.

The Council discussed the two applications received for Code Enforcement and Zoning Administrator. Councilmember Davis motioned to extend an offer to Sarah Cooley, Councilmember Vaughan seconded, compensation will be determined at the June meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Attorney Koehn will discuss details with Sarah Cooley before the next meeting.

Councilmember Vaughan revisited the ordinance regarding the airport and amending it to make it more accessible to aerial applicators. Discussion regarding liability insurance and potential risks followed.

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.

Councilmember Stoppel made a motion to adjourn at 9:31p.m., seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. The motion carried 5-0.

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SHAYLA MAKINGS