

Longton City Council Meeting

Approved Minutes

April 12, 2011

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Steve Fielder opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Council members present: Sharon Ferguson, Justin Corle, Richard Claytor and Mary Love. Absent; Mark Ashenfelter. Also present: Bruce Beem, Kimber Dupuis, Jason Clatt, Jennifer Walker, Mack Kill, Joe Love and Lotus McDow.

Minutes: The March 8 regular meeting and March 27 special meeting minutes were approved as read. M.Love making the motion. R.Claytor seconded. Carried 4-0.

Bills: J.Corle made a motion to accept the March paid bills and the April bills to be paid, as presented. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 4-0.

Public Forum: Mary Love, owner of Lion's Den requested permission to block off Kansas Ave from 4th to 5th street on June 18. The Lion's Den is hosting a festival event that day which will include a carnival and a possum race. Council said that they had no problems with blocking off the street if no other business owner along Kansas Ave had any problems with it. It was also suggested that the Lion's Den check with the Wildlife Department about using live possums for the race.

Tear down Structure at 207 Kansas: Hank will tear down structure and use the bricks as riffraff along the river. Lotus reminded the council that they need to decide what to do with the property when it is cleaned up.

Fire Department: The fire department will wash Kansas Ave between 4th & 6th on April 19. Kansas Ave will have to be blocked off from traffic.

Bruce had no city fires to report for the month of March.

Kimber had two more fire stations/community bldg. designs for the council to review. J.Corle made a motion to hire SCKEDD for our grant administrator for the Kan-Step Grant. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 4-0.

S.Ferguson made a motion to send Lotus and Kimber Dupuis to the CDBG Workshop Conference in Lyons, KS. J.Corle seconded. Carried 4-0.

Kimber said she had been in contact with Ken Mitchell about EMT Classes that will start in August. Longton has 5 volunteer firefighters who would like to attend. Ken Mitchell will work with Kimber on applying for a grant to pay for the classes. Those in training will first need to be current on their Hepatitis B shots; council would like see the cost for the shots upfront.

The Fair Association said the city could store tables and the commercial stove from B.Hall at the Fair Grounds' City Barn. Lotus got permission to store a wooden table at her home, till the City has a need for it.

Water – Sewer - Street Report: Hank has been patching 4th, 6th & Montgomery, but will need to get another pallet of Paving Patch to finish.

Lotus reported a citizen has offered to share the cost of a load of gravel to be spread on their street. Hank will come up with an estimate on cost, and will start working on that street.

Hank asked about help for the mowing season. R.Claytor made a motion to have James Hernandez return to mow & weed eat this season at the same pay as last year with no employee benefits. Council set the hours at 30 hours per week. M.Love seconded. Carried 4-0.

The council congratulated Hank for receiving his Class II Water License.

Increase in trash service fee: J.Corle made a motion to raise the residential trash rate to \$16.50 per month, due to the increase of the contractor charges. M.Love seconded. Carried 4-0.

Appointments: J.Corle made a motion to appoint Ammie Rankin and Bobbie Dougherty to the Library Board. M.Love seconded. Carried 4-0. J.Corle made a motion to appoint Julie McElroy to fill vacancy on the Longton Housing Board. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 4-0.

Police Dept: S.Ferguson made a motion to send Julie to an emergency training class in Iola. R.Claytor seconded. Carried 4-0. Council heard citizen's concern about dog control in Longton.

Other Business: R.Claytor made a motion to donate \$100 to the EV After Prom Party. S. Ferguson seconded. Carried 4-0.

Last month the City had estimated the cost to lay a concrete pad from dug-outs to the grandstand at the city ball field. Councilmen S.Ferguson, Mark Ashenfelter and Justin Corle made personal donations to pay for the concrete. Mark & Justin volunteered to form and finish the pad. But their donations did not cover the entire concrete bill, S.Ferguson made a motion to pay the remaining balance from the city's general fund. J.Corle seconded. Carried 3-1, with M.Love voting no.

Council received a Thank You card from Elk Konnect for a donation.

Meeting Adjourned: J.Corle made a motion to adjourn. R.Claytor seconded. Carried 4-0.

