

Longton City Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
May 11, 2011

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Steve Fielder opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Sharon Ferguson, Justin Corle, Mark Ashenfelter and Mary Love. Absent; Richard Claytor.

Also present: Bruce Beem, Kimber Dupuis, Sydney Hines, Hank Edwards, Julie Englebrecht, Joe Love and Lotus McDow. Ed Bowman, CQ #4 Board member, attended later in the meeting

Council Sworn in: Mayor Fielder swore in Council-woman S. Ferguson. Mayor had sworn in Councilman J. Corle before the meeting opened. Richard Claytor will be sworn in at a later date.

Minutes: The April regular meeting minutes were approved as read. J. Corle making the motion. M. Ashenfelter seconded. Carried 4-0.

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

Public Forum: A citizen complained that two of his chickens were killed, probably by dog(s). Another citizen asked if people walking a dog, need to have the dog on a leash. Mayor thought the ordinance stated dog(s) must be on a leash or person walking the dog(s) must be in their control. Julie will review the ordinance to make sure.

CQ #4: The representative for CQ#4 will not be attending until 7:00 p.m. Mayor Fielder stated we will return to this item on the agenda as soon as the CQ #4 representative arrives.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Beem requested an hourly raise for any mechanical labor he does on the fire trucks. Bruce will need to order new batteries for radios. He had no fires to report.

Kimber requested reimbursements for mileage and meals for our volunteers that will attend the Fire School at Parsons. She also located 12 pas-devices at Manhattan for free, if we pick up. M. Ashenfelter made the motion to reimburse mileage and meals for the training, and gave Lotus permission to take Kimber to Manhattan in the city truck to pick up the equipment. J. Corle seconded. Carried 4-0. Kimber had an estimate for the shots needed for those who will be training for EMS. Estimated costs - \$306. J. Corle made a motion to pay for the shots. M. Love seconded. Carried 4-0.

Lotus related to the council that the motion and votes on hiring a grant administrator needs to be rescinded, because with a CDBG application, it is required we go through the selection process for an administrator. S. Ferguson made the motion to rescind the previous vote. M. Love seconded. Carried 4-0. The Council will meet again to review the proposals. Mayor Fielder called a Special meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 to select a grant administrator for the Kan Step Fire department/community room Project.

Water – Sewer - Street Report: Our insurance agent quoted a rate on the replacement of a lift-station. Council asked that Hickman Environmental be contacted to see if he can give us an estimated cost on the replacement of our main lift-station.

Executive Session: M. Ashenfelter made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. J. Corle seconded. Carried 4-0. The regular meeting resumed at 6:40 p.m.

Re-Hire employees: M. Ashenfelter made a motion to rehire all employees for the same positions, benefits and hours – with a .50 merit raise for Hank, Lotus and Julie. J. Corle seconded. Carried 4-0. M. Ashenfelter made a motion to extend James Hernandez hours to four 8-hour days. J. Corle seconded. Carried 4-0. J. Corle made the motion to give Bruce Beem a \$1.00 an hour raise for any mechanical labor done on the fire trucks. M. Love seconded. Carried 4-0.

Appointments: S. Ferguson made a motion to re-appoint Kendria Schnug as City Treasurer with the same hours and pay, Municipal Judge Larry Barnett, Jeff Chubb as City Attorney, Mary Love as Vice-Mayor, Bruce Beem as Fire Chief and Julie Enlebrecht as weed officer. The Council Department heads will remain the same with Steve Fielder, head of park & rec and the public library, Sharon Ferguson head of streets & alley, Mark Ashenfelter head of water & sewer and Mary Love head of the fire department. M. Love seconded. Carried 4-0.

Police Dept: Julie is still trying to locate a used radar gun. City will need to put up some speed signs and she suggest purchasing some Children at Play signs. Council asked to have a map of streets needing signs and an estimate for discussion at the next regular meeting. The police truck has new decals. Julie had the council look over pictures of properties that are in-violation of city ordinances. Council agreed all but one was in-violation, and for Julie to proceed as ordinances state.

CQ #4: Ed Bowman was present to discuss their application for funding with USDA-RD to run water lines to Longton. Funding was denied. Ed said USDA-RD would like Longton to apply for a CDBG grant instead. All the engineering and environmental study had been done for this Phase 3 (running pipe to Longton), so that should aid in getting the grant.

Ed said Christie McReynolds, USDA-RD offered to come to Longton and answer any question we may have. Ed said he would also be willing to come to that meeting. Council thanked Ed for coming, and agreed to set up a meeting whenever Christie could attend.

Other Business: S. Ferguson made a motion to donate \$20 to Jessica Holley for expenses to attend as a finalist in the 2011 Miss Kansas Teen Pageant. M. Love seconded. Carried 4-0.

J. Corle made a motion to spend the same amount as last year for the city firework show, with the show's date scheduled for July 2. S. Ferguson seconded. Carried 4-0.

The council decided to accept sealed bids for the property at 207 Kansas.

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

