

Longton City Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
June 14, 2011

Regular Meeting:

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

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

Also present: Bruce Beem, Kimber Dupuis, Hank Edwards, Julie Englebrecht, Mack Kill, Robert & Jennifer Walker, Ervin Davis, Onis McElroy, Mildred Page, Jason Clatt, Adrian Kimzey, Mike Winters, Wayne Gudmunson; *KDOT* and Lotus McDow.

Minutes: R.Claytor made a motion to accept the May regular meeting minutes. M.Love seconded. Carried 5-0. J.Corle made a motion to approve the May 27th & June 1st Special Meeting minutes. M.Love seconded. Carried 5-0.

Bills: M.Ashenfelter made a motion to accept the May paid bills and the June bills to be paid, as presented. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 5-0.

Public Forum: A citizen asked if has satisfied the Govering Body with his attempt to clean up his yard. The public officer reported to the council that the citizen is in the process of removing items from yard.

Wayne Gudmunson, *KDOT*, presented the council a completed & approved Road Audit.

Hearing request for a violation notice: Citizen was present said he has removed 2 of the abandoned vehicles from his yard, one he is working on, and the 4th vehicle he would like to keep, but can't afford to register the vehicle at this time. Council said that is fine as long as junk & weeds are kept down around the vehicle. Citizen wanted to know why others in town were not sent violation notices for untagged vehicles. Council explained to him that although it is a city law not to allow a untagged vehicle to be parked for more than 30 days on property, the council understands everyone is struggling with the economy – and some people have plans to fix vehicles up to drive, and as long as there is just one or two vehicles parked and owner keeps weeds cut around vehicles, the council will be lenient. It only when property owners allow several vehicles to pile up, and allow weeds to grow up around junk & vehicles, that the city will take action. Citizen requested a phone call from one of the Governing Body member when we have a violation notice against him, the council explained to the citizen that we have a process to follow by ordinance to notify a person about a violation. Citizen then inquired about the law in reference to kids riding on four-wheeler and go-carts. Council asked that flyers be posted around town reminding parents to make sure their children's bicycles have reflectors, especially when kids are riding bikes at night on city streets.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Bruce Beem gave the council his resignation letter effective immediately. Bruce said he just didn't have to time to take care of everything that needs done at the department. He recommends the council appoint Mack Kill to the position. J.Corle made the motion to accept Bruce's resignation as fire chief. M.Love seconded. Carried 5-0. J.Corle made the motion to appoint Mack Kill as Fire Chief. M.Ashenfelter seconded. Carried 5-0. The council Thanked Bruce for his past years of dedication to the Longton Volunteer Fire Department.

Kimber is working on a grant for new bunker gear, but in the meantime, Mack is in the process of getting some gear donated to Longton. Mack has made arrangement with the Longton Fair Association to park the 57' pumper at the City Barn and move the 86' pumper over to the city shop. A fire school will be held in Sedan this November, which Longton volunteers would like to attend.

Water – Sewer - Street Report: KRWA tested our raw water meter, it over-registered at 197.9%, the normal operating range is 98.0% to 102.0%. KRWA will be sending KDHE a copy of their report to be attached to our water loss report, with the recommendation of not replacing meter, since we may soon be shutting our plant down. Council asked Hank to have a estimate to replace our raw water meter at the next meeting. If the price is low enough, to go ahead & order one, so we can have more of a accurate number on our water loss.

Hank said he will be constructing a cover for the dog kennel. Ervan Davis has 5 sheets of tin he will donate.

The sewer main going under the highway is plugged again. Hank is using the rod trailer trying to get it unplugged.

J.Corle made a motion to increase the water rates \$2.00 per basic charge that includes 1,000 gallons and .15 cents per 1,000 after that. M.Ashenfelter seconded. Carried 5-0.

Councilman Ashenfelter discussed the possibility of cost sharing a new mower with the school. More discussion will be held about purchasing a new mower at a later date.

Police Dept: Julie said we need to purchase 5 stop signs and a couple of 20mph speed signs. She would also like to order a couple of Kids at Play signs. M.Ashenfelter made a motion to purchase signs that are needed. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 5-0.

Sealed Bids on surplus property: Mayor Fielder opened and read the bids. J.Corle made a motion to accept the bid from David & Carol Foster from Tulsa, OK. R.Claytor seconded. Carried 5-0.

Grant Administrator for the proposed CDBG/waterline project: M.Ashenfelter made a motion to hire SCKEDD for grant administrative services on this project. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 5-0.

Other Business: Council was given an invitation from the Elk County Friendship Meal's Legislative Luncheon held on Sept. 27 at the Howard Senior Center.

Lotus shared a Thank Card from Mason's Hope for City sponsorship on the 2010 Mason's Day.

Meeting Adjourned: J.Corle made a motion to adjourn. R.Claytor seconded. Carried 5-0.

