

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2023**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on January 16, 2023, 6:00 P.M, at 945 2nd Street, Phillipsburg, KS.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bret Miles.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councilmembers; Vickie Gibbs; Jeanette Harris; Mike James via ZOOM; Terry McConnell; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: Mike and TJ Corcoran; Angie Wells; Shawn and Tim Ellenberger; Ron Jansonius; Pastor Alex Parks; Daryl Clark; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Tim Driggs, Director of Public Works; Tiffini Gross, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was led by Mayor Miles.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP RENEWED

Angie Wells, Phillipsburg Chamber and Main Street and CBB, thanked the city for everything they do. Moved by Rogers, seconded by Sanson to remain a member of Phillipsburg Chamber for \$910. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

CORCORAN BUILDING PERMIT

Mike and TJ Corcoran reported they received a letter from the city that they are over on allotted percentage for outdoor structures. She said she thought all structures were approved on the permit they submitted for a driveway a couple years ago. She said Driggs had them resubmit a permit for a carport and it was denied. They said after doing their own measurements, the total covered structures square footage is not over the allotted percentage. Mike Corcoran gave more details on the long process of making property improvements with difficulty getting contractors, personal health issues, and trying to keep up with the permits. The Corcorans and the Council agreed, per Mayor Miles suggestion, to have a council member and a city staff member look at the buildings and verify the calculations on the building sizes. Corcorans also stated they did not think the concrete for the sidewalk was fully paid for by the city with the share program. The mayor stated that they will also look into the concrete share program and get back with them this week. TJ submitted to Driggs a new building permit with corrected building sizes. Mike said they are just trying to improve their property and want to get it done and over with. More discussion was held. Gibbs extended appreciation for coming in and apologized for any heartache the process may have caused and hopefully next week it can be resolved.

Corcorans and Wells left meeting- time 6:12 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no other public comment.

MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Sanson, seconded by McConnell to approve the January 3, 2023 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APP ORD 1055-01-23A APPROVED	Moved by Rogers, seconded by Sanson to approve ordinance #1055-01-23A, to pay the bills for the month of January. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
ATTORNEY REAPPOINTED	Mayor Miles recommended the reappointment S. Scott Sage for City Attorney. Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to approve the reappointment. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Clerk Gross swore Sage into the position of City Attorney.
JUDGE REAPPOINTED	Mayor Miles recommended the reappointment of Bonnie Leidig for Municipal Court Judge. Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to approve the reappointment. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTED	Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to elect Mike James as City Council President. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER	Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to name Phillips County Review as the official city newspaper. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
STORM PREPARATION	Driggs gave a reminder to prepare for the upcoming snow storm.
AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION PROJECT	Driggs reported an update on the Airport Runway Extension Project as a new sign will be installed showing how the project will be financed and construction is scheduled to start around the third week of March. He said the house should be vacant by March 1 st . Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Sanson to authorize Driggs to put out a request for bids for demolition or relocation of the house. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
BOARD OF ZONING	Board of Zoning met on January 4 th .
PLANNING COMM.	Planning Commission meeting will be on January 18 th .
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION MEAL	Employee appreciation meal will be on January 28 th .
STATE STREET PHASE II PROJECT	McConnell inquired on the start of State Street Phase II project. Driggs said construction will start when the weather gets better around April.
CLERK TRAINING	Clerk Gross gave an overview Midwest Assistance Program and said they would like to use the city office for a Know Your Water System Clerk Training. Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to allow them to hold the training at the city office. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
COURT REPORT	Clerk Gross presented the year end Municipal Court Report.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs that the city council recess into executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6) with Driggs, Sage, Gross, and the Council except Rogers in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:33 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Jansonius, Parks, Ellenbergers, Ross, Martin, Clark, Rogers left the meeting-
time 6:23 p.m.

Jansonius, Parks, Ellenbergers, Ross, Martin, Rogers returned to the meeting-
time 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Miles called the regular meeting back to order and stated no action was
taken.

CONSENT OF
ANNEXATION

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to authorize the mayor to sign the
consent for annexation pending the outcome of the condemnation hearing.
Voting Aye: James, Sanson, Gibbs, McConnell, Harris. Opposed: NONE.
Abstain: Rogers.

PETITION OF
ANNEXATION

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to authorize the mayor to sign the
petition to vacate portion of Santa Fe Road needed for the Airport Extension
Project pending the outcome of the condemnation hearing. Voting Aye: James,
Sanson, Gibbs, McConnell, Harris. Opposed: NONE. Abstain: Rogers.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 6:37 p.m.
Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

These minutes are not official until approved by the Phillipsburg City Council at
the next regular meeting.

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afterwards.*