

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 7, 2022**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on March 7, 2022,
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; Mike James; Terry McConnell; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson- via Zoom; Angie Wells. ABSENT: NONE. ALSO PRESENT: Roger Jackson, Ashley Comeau; Brad Lare; Jayson Hueneke; Bob McCreery; Daryl Clark; Sharon Vogel; Joyce Bunch; Tim, Ruth, and Shawn Ellenberger; Ron Jansonius; Steve Hirsch; Mike Reese; Max Campbell; 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.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to approve the February 21, 2022 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APP ORD 1055-02-22B APPROVED	Moved by Rogers, seconded by James to approve ordinance #1055-02-22B, to pay the bills for the month of February. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
7 TH STREET STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Gibbs commented that the house on 200 Blk of 7 th Street is showing good progress with the repairs.
USDA GRANTS	James reported the USDA said information on the city's grant applications will be available by the 2 nd meeting.
COVID	Rogers reported there have been zero COVID cases since last Monday and only one the week before.
CLEAN UP TRASH IN YARDS	Wells reminded residents to pick up trash in their yards and secure trash karts, especially on the windy days.
ORDINANCE#1439 SEWER CONNECTION FEES	City Attorney Sage presented a proposed ordinance changing the sewer connection fee from \$10 to \$25. Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to authorize the mayor to sign ordinance #1439. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
ORDINANCE #1440 SEWER FUNDS	Sage also presented an ordinance pertaining to the sewerage operation and equipment reserve accounts. Moved by Rogers, seconded by Wells to authorize the mayor to sign ordinance #1440. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE	Driggs reported public works crews have been working on a water leak at 4 th Street and G Street, getting planters ready for downtown, and stocking up on inventory.
TIER II REPORTS	Driggs said Tier II reports have been sent in.
KDHE WATER SAMPLE VIOLATION	Driggs presented a notice of violation from Kansas Department of Health & Environment for missing one of the 28 annual water sample submissions. Due to the violation, the city will be sending out a notice to every customer. Management has also modified the internal processes and increased employee education in order to prevent a future violation.
SEWER PLANT AUGER MONSTER PURCHASE AUTHORIZED	Driggs presented quotes for an auger monster for the wastewater plant, as the current one is 20 years old and scheduled on the capital improvement plan for replacement using capital improvement funds. Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to approve funding and installation of the auger monster. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. He said it would be ten weeks until the equipment is available.
FLAGPOLE GRANT APP. SUBMITTED	Driggs reported he has submitted a grant application to the Community Foundation for the replacement of 80 flagpoles in the downtown area.
BASE GRANT APP. SUBMITTED	Driggs stated he submitted the BASE Grant application for a waterline replacement project and campground extensions for \$673,000 in BASE Grant funds and the city match of \$250,000 would be used out of ARPA funds.
STRUCTURE DEMO POSTPONED	Driggs reported the two structures scheduled for demolition would be moved to next week due to weather.
CODE VIOLATIONS	Driggs reported code violation complaints at the trailer park have been processed and served to property owners.
PLANNING COMMISSION	Driggs said the Planning Commission found that Resolution #304 does comply and recommends the proposed annexation of tracts 1-5 be classified as R-1, single dwelling, and tract 6 be classified as AL, agriculture.
STATE STREET PHASE II	Driggs said State Street Phase II project will bid in mid to late April. It will replace two blocks of pavement and waterline. Kristin Vogel arrived to meeting time-6:15 p.m.
AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION COST SHARE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED	Driggs presented a Cost Share Agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation for the construction of the Airport Runway Extension Project for KDOT funds in the amount of \$1,557,000. The project will cost approximately \$1,700,000 plus land acquisition costs. The city will have minimal cost sharing after the KDOT funds and \$275,000 in foundation grants. Moved by James, seconded by Gibbs to authorize the mayor to sign the cost share agreement. Voting Aye: Gibbs, James, McConnell, Sanson, Wells. Opposed: NONE. ABSTAIN: Rogers.

KAIP FUNDS AWARDED	Driggs announced the city was selected for Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP) funding through KDOT for the replacement of aging existing AWOS in the amount of \$207,900.
SUMMER HELP INTERVIEWS	Driggs said summer help interviews will be next week. Anyone over age of 15 can apply for the lifeguard position and over the age of 16 can apply for the public works position.
BOARD OF ZONING	Board of Zoning will meet March 29 th at 5:30 p.m. to review a special use permit application.
CITY WIDE CLEANUP	It was the consensus of the Council to have City-Wide Cleanup on April 25-29, contingent on the landfill's approval.
MOQUITO SPRAYING SOFTWARE	Gibbs asked about mosquito spraying. Driggs will get a proposal for next meeting.
	Rustan Ricker arrived to the meeting time-6:20 p.m.
WRITE OFF	It was the consensus of the Council to write-off Timothy Skipworth's utility account in the amount of \$39.95, who is deceased.
SOFTWARE CONVERSION	Gross reported the software conversion with Caselle continues to move forward with court and cemetery modules.
INVESTMENTS	Gross presented the CD investment report.
	Richard Dietz arrived to the meeting time-6:22 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LANDS	Mayor Miles called to order the public hearing for the consideration of annexation of certain lands. Mayor Miles explained that it is only a time to hear comments. He said responses to each question will be published by social media and the city's website later in the week. Mayor Miles explained that those represented by legal counsel will not be allowed to speak and will need to direct their comments to the city's legal counsel.
	Sharon Vogel, daughter of Edna Reiman, presented her thoughts, concerns, and opposition to the annexation of Edna Reiman's property and the airport runway extension project.
	Leland Orr arrived to the meeting time-6:25 p.m.
	Kristen Vogel, granddaughter of Edna Reiman, read a letter Edna Reiman wrote to the city council, in 1996, in opposition to her property being annexed.
	Ron Jansonius stated he objects to Resolution #304.
	Richard Dietz, legal counsel for Tim and Ruth Ellenberger, asked for the Council to not annex tracts 1 and 2, and said they are prepared to litigate.
	There were no other comments. Mayor Miles closed the public hearing and resumed the regular City Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by James, 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 the Council, Mayor, Driggs, Gross, and Sage in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:45 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Jackson, Comeau, Lare, Hueneke, McCreery, Clark, Vogels, Bunch, Ellenbergers, Jansonius, Dietz, Reese, Campbell, Hirsch, Ross, Martin, Ricker, Orr left the meeting- time 6:38 p.m.

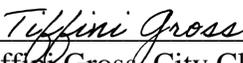
Jansonius, Ellenbergers, Jackson, Lare, Hueneke, Vogels, Ricker, Reese, Clark, Martin, Hirsch returned to the meeting- time 6:45 p.m.

ANNEXATION TABLED

Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to table the discussion on the annexation. Voting Aye: Gibbs, James, McConnell, Sanson, Wells. Opposed: NONE. ABSTAIN: Rogers.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 6:48 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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