

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2023**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on March 20, 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; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson.

ABSENT: Terry McConnell.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Waller; Stan Munyon; Janice Patterson; Ken & Deb Stormont; Sandra VanKooten; Kristina Russell; Mike Reese; Max Campbell; Tim & Shawn Ellenberger; Ron Jansonius; Daryl Clark; Pastor Alex Parks; 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

Stan Munyon commented that the city's mosquito spaying has been killing insects other than mosquitos. Councilmember Gibbs stated she would like to get more information and the appropriate council committee should discuss it before making a decision. Janice Patterson said she does not want spraying at all. Discussion continued.

Ketino Beim arrived at the meeting- time 6:02 p.m.
Councilmember Rogers left the meeting- time 6:03 p.m.

Beim stated she was a citizen concerned with the reduction of pollinators and safety of residents. She presented information about a chemical used in the mosquito spray. She said they are requesting the city stop spraying the residential areas and only spray the ball fields and parks. She listed the benefits as increasing pollinator insects, wildlife, protection of health and safety of the citizens and saves the city money. Gibbs said that a council committee will meet with her to look at more information, alternative options and the spraying will halt for now.

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved by James, seconded by Harris to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

VanKooten left the meeting- time 6:09 p.m.

APP ORD 1055-03-23A APPROVED

Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to approve ordinance #1055-03-23A, to pay the bills for the month of March except for the Stanion Wholesale invoice. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

ARPA FUNDS APPROVED

Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to approve the Stanion Wholesale \$4,638.85 invoice out of the ARPA Fund. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

APPRECIATION

Gibbs gave appreciation for the process of people coming to council members when they have questions or miscommunications. She said meeting with council committees to communicate and resolve issues is a great process and recently worked out well when a local board and the Facility Committee met today.

KRWA CONFERENCE

Driggs said several staff will be gone next week to the KRWA conference.

AIRPORT RUNWAY
EXTENSION PROJECT
UPDATE

Driggs reported in regards to the Airport Runway Extension Project, they met with the court about a week ago on the injunction relief where the court ruled in favor of the city for that injunction and the next step is a public hearing on the 24th for them to go through the appraisals. Driggs presented a Consulting Services Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company for onsite construction inspection not to exceed \$135,636.75. He said the preconstruction meeting was last Wednesday and they are waiting to receive an environmental letter for a final release and then can start on construction, which is planned for the first Monday in April. Driggs asked Council's permission to close Santa Fe Road before construction begins. Moved by James, seconded by Harris to close Santa Fe Road. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Driggs said he will advertise for sealed bids to remove or demolish the house and one small building on Santa Fe Road that has been vacated.

SANTA FE RD
CLOSURE APPROVED

AWOS AIRPORT
PROJECT

Brad Waller, Alfred Benesch & Company, explained there are two pots of grant money for airport projects, one from the FAA and one with KDOT Aviation. Last year, the Phillipsburg AWOS project was awarded a grant for \$207,900. He said an AWOS (automated weather operating system) is an important tool for communication to pilots and farmers about weather. He said it would increase the ability to secure medical transport especially during bad weather. Waller presented AWOS System project cost breakdown for approximately \$231,000 that includes a city match of ten percent in the amount of \$23,098.60. Gibbs asked for clarification on the increased odds for more medical transports during bad weather. Waller explained the system would provide more reliable local weather information. Driggs said the system now blinks a lot and has to be reset often, so the new one would be more reliable. Moved by Sanson, seconded by Gibbs to move forward with the application for the grant and AWOS Project. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Munyon and Stormonts left the meeting- time 6:25 p.m.

POWER POLE
REMOVAL PROJECT

Driggs presented information for the Airport Runway Extension Power Pole Project for the relocation of power poles on the east side of Highway 183 for \$595,354, and the grant is due on April 1st. He confirmed the FAA does require the removal of power poles for the airport runway extension project and FAA is aware that the wire is about three years out. Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to accept the grant proposal for the power pole removal. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Waller said the grant would be a 90/10 match and the project would not start until the final approval is received by FAA.

KS AIRPORTS
ECONOMIC OUTPUT
INFO.

Driggs presented information on a KDOT website and highlighted the economic output of airports in the area including Norton's economic output as \$3,683,699 and supports 12 jobs, Hill City's economic output as \$3,079,034 and supports 17 jobs, Smith Center's economic output as \$3.2 million and supports 10 jobs,

KS AIRPORTS ECON. OUTPUT INFO. CONT.	Rooks County Regional's economic output as \$4,317,000 and supports 18 jobs and Phillipsburg Airport's economic output is \$6.2 million and supports 18 jobs.
COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT APPROVED	Driggs presented a revised Community Garden Agreement and outlined changes requested by the Community Garden Board including to allow pets and require them to where a leash and clean up after them and that herbicides and pesticides are allowed at the discretion of the board and follow manufacture instructions. Moved by Sanson and seconded by Gibbs to have the mayor sign the Community Garden Agreement with the suggested changes. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
PUBLIC WORKS POSITIONS OPEN	Driggs said two water plant positions are open and will interview a couple coming up. He said eighty percent of the lifeguard interviews are done.
OUTDOOR POOL FEE INCREASE APPROVED	Driggs said he recommends increasing the aquatic center outdoor pool fees to: daily fee \$3, swimming lessons \$30, single pass \$60, and family pass \$100. He asked Council to think about increasing summer help wages to encourage kids to come back. Moved by James seconded by Sanson to approve the rates increase for outdoor pool. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
MEETING ETIQUETTE	Gibbs addressed a meeting attendee about being respectful in the audience and setting up a time outside of the meeting with their council representative if they have issues to discuss.
SUMMER JOB WAGES	It was the consensus of Council to discuss summer help wages next meeting.
VENDING MACHINE TO BE MOVED	It was the consensus of the Council to allow the candy vending machine that will no longer be used at the Aquatic Center be moved to the airport pilot lounge.
	Patterson left the meeting- time 6:40 p.m.
CAMPGROUND PROJECT	Driggs reported on the campground project as the water line is completed, started this morning trenching in the conduit for the electrical and then will grade and lay concrete pads. He anticipates being done the first part of April.
2023 CITY WIDE CLEANUPS	It was the consensus of the Council to hold city wide spring cleanup the week of May 1 st - 5 th and fall cleanup the last week of October.
SPRINT GRANT SUBMITTED	Driggs said the SPRINT Grant application was sent in on the 13 th and should hear back in mid-April.
PLANNING COMM.	Planning Commission met last Wednesday, but there was no quorum. Next meeting will be April 19 th at 5:30 p.m.
AIRPORT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS	Driggs apologized for not having the Airport Board Minutes ready, but will try to bring their recommendations next meeting in regards to enforcement of hangar regulations and aircraft parking on the grass and ramp.
	Waller left the meeting- time 6:42.

AP CLERK POSITION Clerk Gross stated there is an Accounts Payable Clerk position opening and interviews will be held soon.

CLERK TRAINING Clerk Gross reported the Know Your Water System Clerk Training will be held tomorrow from 8:30-4 p.m. at the city office basement.

INSURANCE RENEWAL Clerk Gross reported there are still some committees fine tuning the property and liability insurance coverages for the renewal effective April 1st and the total premium will be ready for the next meeting.

REPORTS Clerk Gross presented the February financial and investment reports.

LEGISLATORS AT HUCK BOYD 3/25 James invited everyone to visit with the legislators who will be at the Huck Boyd Center, Saturday, March 25th from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Moved by Sanson, seconded by Gibbs that the city council recess into executive session for consultation with the attorney for the city council or city for information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) with the City Council, mayor, Driggs, City Attorney Sage, and Gross in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 7:00 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Ellenbergers, Jansonius, Campbell, Reese, Clark, Parks, Russell, Beim, Ross, Martin, Waller, left the meeting- time 6:35 p.m.

Ellenbergers, Campbell, Reese and Martin returned to the meeting- time 7:00 p.m. Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order and said no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Moved by Sanson, seconded by Gibbs that the city council recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with the mayor and City Council in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 7:10 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Ellenbergers, Campbell, Reese, Gross, Driggs, Sage and Martin left the meeting- time 7:02 p.m.

Ellenbergers, Campbell, Reese, Gross, Driggs, Pastor Alex Parks and Martin returned to the meeting- time 7:12 p.m. Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order and said no action was taken.

ADJOURN Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Sanson to adjourn- time 7:12 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Tiffini Gross

 Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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