

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2022**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on March 21, 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; Tracy Sanson; Angie Wells. ABSENT: Terry McConnell; Pete Rogers. ALSO PRESENT: Lauren Weinert; Roger Jackson, Ashley Comeau; Daryl Clark; Sharon Vogel; Joyce Bunch; Tim, Ruth, and Shawn Ellenberger; Ron Jansonius; Steve Hirsch; Rustan Ricker; 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	Ron Jansonius stated he objects to Resolution #304. Tim Ellenberger gave the council a written letter.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Sanson, seconded by Wells to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APP ORD 1055-03-22A APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to approve ordinance #1055-03-22A, to pay the bills for the month of March. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
7 TH STREET STRUCTURE REPAIRS	Gibbs stated that the house on 200 Blk of 7 th Street progressing with repairs.
SNOW REMOVAL	James said the crews did a nice job with snow removal.
USDA GRANTS	James read a letter from the USDA, stating the state office has requested more information for the grant applications and requested a meeting to discuss it.
PLANNING COMMISSION	James said a Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss revised zoning ordinance and food trucks.
ANNEXATION APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to annex properties noted in Resolution #304, properties 1-5 immediately, and to table the decision on property 6 and the Santa Fe Road, pending the outcome of the city's petition for vacancy to the county and the land acquisition with the Jansonius family. Also, to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission for zoning. Voting Aye: James, Wells, Sanson. Opposed: Gibbs.

CLEAN UP TRASH IN YARDS	Wells reminded residents to pick up trash in their yards.
LOOKING FOR RENTAL INFO	Wells said she has received lots of requests looking for rental homes and storage units and to pass on the information if anyone has some available.
COMMUNITY GARDEN	Mayor Miles asked council to consider allowing a community garden on the property north of water tower, where the city would put one hydrant in and participants would pay for water and obtain insurance.
KRWA CONFERENCE	Driggs said several staff will be gone next week to the KRWA Conference.
SEWER PROBLEMS	Driggs reported repeated sewer problems in the alley of the 600 block of 3 rd Street due to grease and will be investigating where grease is coming from.
AIRPORT FUEL PUMP SOFTWARE	Driggs reported the software for the airport fuel pumps will no longer be supported after June 19 th and is looking into software upgrade options.
WATER NOTICES	Driggs said the water violation notices will be mailed to customers on April 1 st .
WELL WATER ISSUES	Driggs reported there has been abnormal levels of selenium at one of the wells and is working with KDHE to address the issue.
FLAGPOLE GRANT AWARDED	Driggs announced the city was approved for \$1,500 grant from the Community Foundation to replace flagpoles downtown.
CLEANUP EXTENSION	It was the consensus of the Council to allow Ward Grammon an extension to clean up his properties.
STATE ST PHASE II	Driggs said Phase II State Street Project should bid last part of April.
AWOS GRANT CONTRACT AUTHORIZED	Driggs said he has a grant contract with Kansas Department of Transportation for \$207,900 for the airport AWOS. Moved by James, seconded by Wells to authorize the mayor to sign the contract. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
SUMMER HELP	Driggs reported all interviews are completed and offer letters sent out for lifeguards. He said the position for the public works summer position is still available.
BOARD OF ZONING	Driggs said the Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to meet April 19 th .
SPRING CLEANUP	Driggs said the county has given approval for the City-Wide Spring Cleanup to be set for last week of April. He reminded the public that the city only picks up items in Phillipsburg.
DEMOLITION	Driggs reported the dangerous structure on D Street has begun demolition.
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	Driggs said he does not have an agreement for mosquito spraying yet.
INSURANCE RENEWAL APPROVED	Gross presented information on the property and liability insurance renewal quote from EMC Insurance to be effective April 1 st . Moved by Wells, seconded by Gibbs to renew the policy. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

SOFTWARE
CONVERSION Gross reported the software conversion with Caselle continues to move forward with court and cemetery modules.

UTILITY RATES
INCREASE Gross reminded customers that the next bill mailed out the end of March will include the increased rates adopted last month.

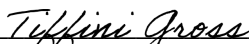
REPORTS Gross presented February reports.

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 6:27 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

All meeting attendees left except for council, mayor, Driggs, Gross, and Sage- time 6:22 p.m.

All meeting attendees returned to the meeting- time 6:27 p.m. No action taken.

ADJOURN Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Sanson to adjourn- time 6:28 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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