

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2023**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on April 3, 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 via Zoom.

ABSENT: Terry McConnell.

ALSO PRESENT: Max Dibble; Tim & Shawn Ellenberger; Don Roberts; Kyle Barnes; 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.

Mike Reese and Max Campbell arrived at the meeting- time 6:02 p.m. Campbell left and returned to the meeting multiple times.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyle Barnes stated that he graded the city street in front of his property after he had put in a couple requests to the city and it had not been fixed. The mayor stated that it is a city street and Barnes is not in control of the street. Discussion was held regarding maintenance of streets and the amount of damage that was done by Barnes. Moved by James for the issue to be discussed with the Street Committee before discussing it further.

Don Roberts stated he lives on 7th Street and it has not been maintained in the last year, so he dug out the gravel with a shovel himself. Gibbs directed that citizens should follow the process of going to their council members with complaints so it can be discussed before coming to the council meeting. Discussion continued on street maintenance issues.

Max Dibble asked about the status of E Santa Fe Rd. Mayor Miles responded that legal council said once the city writes a check for the property it belongs to the city. Dibble asked about a meeting with the city, the county commissioners and their attorneys. Mayor Miles said a letter was sent to the commissioners regarding that and Dibble said he did already get that. Dibble asked about the statutes allowing the city to purchase property over \$100,000. Driggs said the purchasing process was guided by legal counsel and Dibble would need to consult legal counsel with any questions about the process. Dibble asked about the ordinances regarding trucks traveling on city roads. Mayor Miles responded that a new ordinance was in the packet for review tonight. Dibble said no one has received at ticket for it but he is worried about the citizens. James read the ordinance that states trucks may travel city roads to load or unload. More discussion was held about the ordinance. Dibble also questioned Driggs work with City of Kirwin, Driggs he helps the nearby cities on his own time and

PUBLIC COMMENT CONT.	expense without pay and it is not a City of Phillipsburg matter to discuss at a City Council meeting.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by Harris to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APP ORD 1055-03-23B APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by Harris to approve ordinance #1055-03-23B, to pay the bills for the month of March. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT	Mayor Miles recommended Megan Vincent be appointed to the Library Board for a four-year term. Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Harris to approve the mayor's appointment. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES	Driggs said public works crews have been working on the campground, flower planters, and equipment repairs. He said they will be helping Kirwin pull their pump weather permitting.
APPRAISERS REPORT	Driggs presented the appraisals report from the court. The city had two independent appraisals one for \$17,026 an acre and one for \$3,000 an acre. Three independent appraisals were directed by the court, who all chose to waive their fees as part of the civic duty.
SANTA FE RD TO BE CLOSED	Driggs said traffic control devices were installed near Santa Fe Rd but have not closed it yet. Santa Fe Rd will be closed on Wednesday at 8:00 am and dirt work will begin to remove the portion of the road immediately after closure.
TRASH TRUCK REPAIRS	Driggs reported that one trash truck is out order from it being hit a month ago. An employee will be taking it to Elliott for repairs.
WATER PLANT POSITIONS	Driggs said a new water plant employee started last Wednesday evening and on the 14 th there will be a second position opening.
CAMPGROUND PROJECT	Driggs reported the conduit is in place at the campground and they are waiting on the electrical. They plan to start pouring a couple of concrete pads tomorrow.
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	Driggs said Craig Cole could not make it to the meeting, but he will provide a packet of information on the mosquito spraying chemical.
PLANNING COMM.	Planning Commission will meet April 19 th at 5:30 p.m.
BOARD OF ZONING	Board of Zoning will meet April 26 th .
AIRPORT BOARD MINUTES	Driggs asked Council to review a copy of the Airport Board Minutes for discussion next meeting.
ORDINANCE #1453 PASSED-	Driggs presented proposed ordinance amending section 14-209 entitled "Certain Trucks Prohibited" to increase weight limit. Moved by James, seconded by Gibbs to pass Ordinance #1453. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
CEMETERY DONATION	Clerk Gross gave thanks to Cross of Glory Luther Church for the Fairview Cemetery care donations of \$332.83 in memory of Nelson and Delores Haugh.

PROPERTY &
LIABILITY
INSURANCE

Clerk Gross stated the EMC Insurance property and liability renewal total is \$145,916, which is an increase from \$125,983 last year due to increase in property values, changes in coverages and an additional \$5,780 for inland marine equipment on fire trucks. The invoice will be ready next meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
POSITION

Clerk Gross reported receiving twelve applications for the accounts payable clerk position, have conducted several interviews, and will be offering the position soon.

RESOLUTION #325
ADOPTED- POOL
RATES

Clerk Gross presented a proposed resolution for the increased Aquatic Center outdoor pool rates approved last meeting. Moved by James, seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #325. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Clerk Gross presented the investment report.

SUMMER HELP
WAGE INCREASE
APPROVED

James shared information with Council members regarding summer help wages. Discussion was held among Council members. Driggs said twenty seven lifeguards, three street shop, and one indoor pool lifeguard will be hired this year. James said the increase in admission fees does not cover wage increase. Harris said the pool does not breakeven because it is a public service. Moved by Rogers, seconded by Harris to increase summer help wages across the board \$2/ hour. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by James, 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 6:55 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Ellenbergers, Campbell, Reese, Clark, Dibble, Roberts, Barnes, Ross, Martin, left the meeting- time 6:45 p.m.

Ellenbergers, Campbell, Reese, Clark, Dibble, and Martin returned to the meeting- time 6:45 p.m. Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order and said no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by James, 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 7:11 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Ellenbergers, Campbell, Reese, Clark, Dibble, Gross, Driggs, Sage and Martin left the meeting- time 6:46 p.m.

Ellenbergers, Gross, Driggs, Ross and Martin returned to the meeting- time 7:11 p.m. Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order and said no action was taken.

ADJOURN

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



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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