

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2022**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on April 18, 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; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson; Angie Wells.

ABSENT: Terry McConnell.

ALSO PRESENT: Eddie Werner; Kara Hilburn; David Hindman; Alissa Kirchhoff; Kimberly Bui; Laura Bogart; Bonna Sammons; Krystle Schamp; Roger Jackson; Austin Wright; Dan Lennemann; Lauren Weinert; Tim and Shawn Ellenberger; Ron Jansonius; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin; 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

Alissa Kirchhoff, Phillipsburg Library Board, and Kim Bui, Librarian, presented the proposal to amend Charter Ordinance 15 Section 2 to read “All appointed members to the Library Board shall reside within USD 325.” Moved by Wells, seconded by Gibbs to authorize Sage to draft a charter ordinance with the change. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

David Hindman and Kara Hilburn, Little League Board, asked for the use of city facilities from May- June for softball and baseball and use of the tractor for mowing. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the use.

Hilburn, Hindman, Kirchhoff, and Bui left- time 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved by James, seconded by Wells to approve the April 4, 2022 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

APP ORD 1055-04-22A APPROVED

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Sanson to approve ordinance #1055-04-22A, to pay the bills for the month of April. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

AIRPORT INADAQUACY

James brought to the Council’s attention that the Fire Chief said they had called an air tanker for a fire about a week ago, but it was unable to land at the Phillipsburg Airport due to the short length. The runway would need to be 5,000 feet in length to land.

COVID

Rogers said there have been no positive COVID cases since last Monday.

CHICKENS

Wells said she has received phone calls about chickens. It was the consensus of the Council for the Planning Commission to discuss it at the next meeting. Wells will give Driggs information for the discussion.

SOLID WASTE POLICY	Mayor Miles said the Solid Waste Committee met to review policies and decided the current solid waste policies are effective. He said the number of violations compared to the number of solid waste pickups is less than 1/2%. He said that between Christmas and New Year's, customers are allowed to have extra boxes.
CODE ENFORCEMENT	Driggs reminded Council he will be attending the Heart of America Code Enforcement training this week in Hays.
PUBLIC WORKS CREW COMMENDATION	Mayor Miles said the crews did a good job blocking off the area and cleaning up the water meter project in front of Rogers & Associates.
PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES	Driggs reported public works crews have been attending safety training, applying crack sealing, completing water service projects and started today, performing traffic control closing the 300-400 Block of B Street for Trinity Ag's renovation project.
CITY-WIDE CLEANUP	Driggs reminded customers that tires, construction debris, and metal buildings are items not accepted with city-wide cleanup. He also asked customers to help cleanup go easier and reduce damages to properties by not packing items around gas or water meters.
LAND BANK GROUP FORMATION	Driggs said the Strategic Doing Committee is developing a land bank group that includes Tami Sauer, Morris Engle, Caleb Breon, Carla Bruning, Rhonda Keesee and Tim Driggs. He asked councilmembers to consider serving on the committee to help communicate with Council.
BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW MEETING	Driggs said he attended the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law meeting Hays. Most of it did not apply to Phillipsburg but he will keep monitoring the information.
STATE ST PROJ. BID	Driggs reported the State Street Project will bid Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.
CRACK SEALING	Driggs reported crack sealing has started on Park Street between 9 th & 10 th Street. Crews will work west to 5 th Street, then south. He asked for everyone to help keep vehicles off the street so it can be completed quickly.
LEAD & COPPER PIPE INVENTORY REQUIREMENT	Driggs said he received correspondence last week from KDHE regarding the lead and copper rules that require the city to provide an inventory of all lead or galvanized pipes in the water system by the end of October 2024 and will be requiring the replacement of all of these pipes. He said more information will be coming in regards to this process.
FOOD TRUCKS	Driggs said the Planning Commission discussed food trucks licensing and decided to follow the code as written.
PLANNING COMMISSION	Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance Book.
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS	Board of Zoning Appeals will meet tomorrow to review a special use permit for a business on F Street.

OFFICE CLOSURE FOR
MEMORIAL SERVICE

It was the consensus of the Council to close the City Office and Public Works Departments tomorrow, Tuesday, April 19th, to allow staff to attend the memorial for Hollie Kendall, an employee's wife.

CONVERSION UPDATE

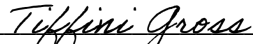
Clerk Gross gave an update on the software conversion, which is currently focused on the municipal court electronic submission settings.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Clerk Gross presented the March financial reports.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Sanson to adjourn- time 6:25 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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