

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 17, 2021**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on May 17, 2021, 6:00 P.M, at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bret Miles.
ATTENDANCE	PRESENT: Councilmembers Terry McConnell; Vickie Gibbs; Mike James; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson. ABSENT: NONE. ALSO PRESENT: Shawn Ellenberger; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin, My Phillips County Online; Kirby Ross, 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.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APPROPRIATION ORD 1055-05-21A	Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to approve ordinance #1055-05-21A, to pay the bills for the month of May. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
COVID UPDATE	Rogers reported the county currently has no active COVID-19 cases. He said there is now an emergency-use authorization for twelve to sixteen-year-olds to be vaccinated. According to CDC guidelines, individuals need not wear masks once vaccinated, unless required by an individual business. Rogers reported the county's population to be about 30% vaccinated.
CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN – PHOTO CONTEST	Sanson spoke about the city website committee's photo contest. She encouraged everyone to submit their photos by the June 1 st deadline.
COUNCILMEMBER APPOINTMENT	Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to accept Mayor Miles appointment of Angie Wells as his replacement for Councilmember for Ward 3.
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	Discussion was held about council committee assignments.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTED	Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to appoint Mike James as council president. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
MILES COMPLIMENTED CEMETERY	Miles complimented the maintenance of the cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend.
PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES	Public Works department activities include mowing, patching, waterline project progress and water leak repair. The scheduled sewer cleaning project is now

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES (Cont.)	completed. Reservoir 104 and the water tower inspections have been completed; a video recording will be provided by the inspection company.
TRASH TRUCK INCIDENT	Driggs informed the council of damage to a parked vehicle resulting from an accident involving the city's trash truck this week. There was minimal damage to the trash truck.
PURPLE WAVE AUCTION	Driggs told of four items having sold on the Purple Wave Auction site. The silver water plant pick-up selling for \$875.00; white fifteen-passenger van bringing \$3,200.00; as well as a few desks and kitchenette sets for a total of a few hundred dollars.
CDBG FORMS AUTHORIZED	Moved by James, seconded by Rogers to authorize Mayor Miles, City Clerk Gross, and Public Works Director Driggs to sign the CDBG payment authorization forms.
MOSQUITO SPRAYING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED	It was the consensus of the council to authorize Driggs to sign an agreement with Kansas Crop Care for the mosquito spray application this season for \$11,000.00.
MOWER PURCHASE APPROVAL	It was the consensus of the council for Driggs to request bids to purchase a new mower, as listed in this year's budget schedule.
HOSPITAL M.O.U.	It was the consensus of the council to sign a memorandum of understanding with the hospital to allow for storage in the Community Building, but not use of the kitchen or electricity.
JET-A FUEL	Driggs pointed out the increase of Jet-A purchased this month, explaining that a company flying helicopters has been using three to four hundred gallons daily to complete a surveying project.
CODE ENFORCEMENT	<p>Driggs brought up the increase in animal control issues. Discussion was held concerning recent events involving repeat offense dogs-at-large and vicious dogs. Driggs said the city's tranquilizer gun, purchased many years ago, was returned from the sheriff's office. He expressed his intent for this gun to be used only as a last resort. Driggs encouraged animal owners to honor their responsibilities to keep their pets contained.</p> <p>Driggs said a number of complaints concerning yard up-keep have been received and letters sent. Driggs encouraged residents to keep yards mowed.</p>
MAINTENANCE I POSITION OPEN	It was the consensus of the council to allow Driggs to fill the open Maintenance I position temporarily if a suitable applicant came forward. A third summer help has been hired to fill the gap at this time.
RADAR SIGN	Gibbs inquired of the status of the radar sign repair. Driggs said he is waiting to receive packing material to mail the sign to the company. Driggs said the city has been given permission from a nearby homeowner to install a camera to monitor the sign after it's reinstallation.
CITY OFFICE UPDATE	Clerk Gross reported the 2020 audit is underway. Office software conversion is ongoing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs that the city council recess into executive session for consultation with the attorney for city council or city for information deemed privileged in the attorney client relationship exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) with the council, the mayor, Sage, Driggs, Gross and Wells in attendance. And the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:35. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:35 p.m. no action was taken.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 6:36 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk