

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 2021**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on June 7, 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: Angie Wells; Shawn Ellenberger; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel & Mac Martin, My Phillips County Online; 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.
COUNCILMEMBER SWORN INTO OFFICE	Mayor Miles swore in newly appointed councilmember Angie Wells.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Rogers, seconded by Sanson to approve the May 17, 2021 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Rachel Martin left meeting- time 6:03pm.
APPROPRIATION ORD 1055-05-21B	Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to approve ordinance #1055-05-21B, to pay the bills for the month of May. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
LIBRARY BUDGET & MOU	James presented the Phillipsburg City Library's 2022 budget and explanations that was reviewed with the Finance Committee. Mayor Miles mentioned work is still being done on clearing up the responsibilities between the City and Library in a Memorandum of Understanding.
COVID UPDATE	Rogers reported the county continues to be COVID-19 free. He said vaccinations are still be given and the county's population is about 42% vaccinated.
GLASS CLIPPINGS IN STREETS	McConnell reminded the public to not blow grass clippings in the streets as it is against city ordinance.
2021 CANDIDATES	Wells announced the 2021 candidates that filed for office were Bret Miles for Mayor; Terry McConnell, Mike James and Angie Wells for City Council; and Keli Habiger for City Treasurer.
150 TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FORMED	Wells announced that next year is the City of Phillipsburg's 150 th Anniversary. Gibbs, Wells, and Miles volunteered to form a committee to start working on the celebration. Wells will chair the committee.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES	Public Works department activities include mowing; painting streets downtown, Aquatic Center parking lot and Wellness Center parking lot; repairing water leak at Phillips County Health Department; and the waterline project. Wells thanked crews for setting up for Riverless Festival.
AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD PROJECT	Driggs said the Airport Access Road project, preconstruction will begin June 17 th and construction right after. The project will remove the road from Santa Fe to the terminal building and replace with concrete pavement. The entire project will be paid for with a couple of grants. There will be temporary access points to ensure access to the airport during construction.
AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION PROJECT	Driggs announced the airport was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from Kansas Department of Transportation for the runway extension project. There were no objections from Council for Driggs to begin contract negotiations with Mr. Morris.
PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT	It was the consensus of the Council to appoint Kent Culbertson to the Planning Commission.
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING	Planning Commission will have a meeting on the 16 th and a public hearing on June 30 th at 5:30 p.m. for a property on 10 th Street & State Street.
ZONING VARIANCE HEARING	Board of Zoning Appeals will meet June 10 th at 5:30 p.m. for a variance hearing for Oz Brewing at 4 th Street and G Street.
QUANZ RESERVOIR PROJECT	Driggs reported the Quanz Reservoir pump station will be in this week. The tank will be delayed due to waiting on a seal.
TRASH TRUCK INS CLAIM UPDATE	Driggs provided an update on the trash truck insurance claim as the insurance company is discussing how to get the other damaged vehicle returned to the owner in Durango, CO.
AUCTION UPDATE	Driggs said the passenger van at the auction defaulted and will be reauctioned.
MOSQUITO SPRAYING	Driggs reported Kansas Crop Care has sprayed for mosquitoes three times already this season.
CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE	Driggs reported several notices for weeds and yard violations have been sent and so far, the issues are getting taken care of after receiving the violation.
STREET SIGNS NEED REPLACEMENT PLAN	Driggs said many of the street signs are becoming faded and unreadable and will be \$18-20,000 to replace. McConnell suggested making a plan to replace them in phases.
MOWERS	Driggs said most places are out of stock on mowers, but he will keep looking.
RADAR SIGN UPDATE	Driggs said the radar sign radar packs' wiring is being repaired and hopefully it will be returned in the next couple of weeks.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY FLAG	McConnell inquired about hanging a flag next year in the Fairview Cemetery on Memorial Day. Discussion was held on what organization usually takes care of that. Driggs will get more information.
SUMMER OFFICE ASSISTANTS	Clerk Gross reported two summer office assistants have started with alternating schedules.
SALES TAX UPDATE	Clerk Gross reported sales tax is \$4,500 year-to-date more than last year.
NEW BANK ACCOUNT FOR ARPA FUNDS	Moved by Miles, seconded by Sanson to approve Clerk Gross to open a new bank account for the American Recovery Plan Act funds. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
FINANCIAL REPORTS	Clerk Gross presented April financial reports and noted the new CD in the amount of \$9,000 received for the Hahn cemetery endowment.
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	Mayor Miles announced the members of each City Council Committee, including Miles, Driggs, and Gross as members of all committees, as follows: <p data-bbox="594 791 1430 861" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Law: Bonnie M. Leidig, Scott Sage, Pete Rogers- Chairman, Tracy Sanson.</p> <p data-bbox="594 865 1479 934" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Audit, Budget, Investments, & Finance: Mike James- Chairman, Jordyn Tweedy, Pete Rogers.</p> <p data-bbox="594 938 1492 1008" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Water, Sewage, & Fire Department: Terry McConnell- Chairman, Angie Wells.</p> <p data-bbox="594 1012 1507 1081" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Miscellany, Planning, Zoning, Subdivisions & Housing: Mike James-Chairman, Tracy Sanson.</p> <p data-bbox="594 1085 1500 1155" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Streets, Alleys, Lights, & Sanitation: Terry McConnell- Chairman, Angie Wells.</p> <p data-bbox="594 1159 1422 1228" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Airport, Library, and Community Building: Terry McConnell-Chairman, Vickie Gibbs.</p> <p data-bbox="594 1232 1507 1302" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Parks, Cemetery, Trees, Swimming Pool, & Recreation: Angie Wells- Chairman, Vickie Gibbs.</p> <p data-bbox="594 1306 1523 1339" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Health & Welfare: Vickie Gibbs- Chairman, Pete Rogers.</p> <p data-bbox="594 1344 1414 1413" style="margin-left: 40px;">Department of Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce Representative: Mike James- Chairman, Tracy Sanson.</p>
COUNCIL WARDS	Miles announced the wards of each Council members as follows: <p data-bbox="594 1524 1247 1558" style="margin-left: 40px;">Ward I (N of Hwy 36)- Mike James & Pete Rogers</p> <p data-bbox="594 1562 1442 1596" style="margin-left: 40px;">Ward II (S of Hwy 36, E of 5th)- Terry McConnell & Vicky Gibbs</p> <p data-bbox="594 1600 1403 1633" style="margin-left: 40px;">Ward II (S of Hwy 36, W of 5th)- Angie Wells & Tracy Sanson</p>
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Moved by James, seconded by Gibbs for the City Council to recess into executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6) with Council, Mayor, Driggs, Gross, and Sage in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the City Council chamber at 6:45 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

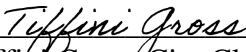
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by James, seconded by Rogers for the City Council to 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 Council, Mayor, Driggs, Gross and Sage in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the City Council chamber at 7:00 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 7:01 p.m.
Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk