

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

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on July 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 Terry McConnell; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson; Angie Wells. ABSENT: Vickie Gibbs; Mike James. ALSO PRESENT: Ron Jansonius; Lauren Weinert; Tim & Shawn Ellenberger; Daryl Clark; 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	Lauren Weinert reported a citizen was upset that his extra trash was not picked up with his kart and asked about communicating the policy to the public as a reminder. Lauren asked that information be printed on a water bill about how to get a copy of the policy. Wells commented that each new customer receives a copy of the policy. Sanson added that the policies are on the city website.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by Wells, seconded by Sanson to approve the July 5, 2022 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APP ORD 1055-07-22A APPROVED	Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to approve ordinance #1055-07-22A, to pay the bills for the month of July. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
NEW CROSSWALK	McConnell complimented the new concrete crosswalk downtown.
150 TH CELEBRATION	Wells presented the 150 th Anniversary t-shirts that are for sale at the Chamber and the City Office. Wells thanked Sanson for her donations. Wells asked that anyone interested in volunteering at the event can contact the Chamber.
FARMERS MARKET	Sanson said the Farmers Market has been a success and looks for it to grow. She gave appreciation for all the hard work done behind the scenes.
LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS	Mayor Miles recommended appointments for the Library Board. Moved by Wells, seconded by Sanson to approve the mayor's appointments of Kyle Still, Allison Culbertson, and Morris Engle to the Library Board. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES	Driggs reported public works have been working on 3 rd & F concrete repairs, well field pigging, street sweeping, mowing and patching.

CROSSWALK REPLACEMENT COSTS	Driggs said the cost to remove and install concrete at the crosswalk was approximately \$3,500 and repair all four crosswalks at an intersection would be \$15,000.
CROSSWALK PAINTINGS	Driggs reported 3 rd and State Street will be blocked off for crosswalk painting tomorrow. 10 crosswalks will be painted by Annie Weishaar and crew in preparation of the 150 th Celebration.
PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE	Driggs presented a proposed water rate resolution. He said notices have been sent to the affected industrial customers. He said the Water Committee discussed water rates and costs, having had no industrial water rate increase since 2011 and noting the following increases in supply costs: Chlorine +114%, acid +8%, CO2 +23%, Lime +36%, fuel +195%, salaries +15-18%, and well treatment +53%. The committee proposed increasing industrial water rates for treated water by \$1/1000 gal. for up to 2,000,000 gal. then \$1.35/1000 gal., and raw water by \$1/1000 gal. He said he hopes to get feedback from industrial customers for the next council meeting.
ROAD CLOSURES	Driggs handed out route maps for the 150 th Celebration and Rodeo Parade. He said there is also a 5K run that day. He will have extra staff on duty for traffic control.
WATER TOWER DESIGN CONTEST	Driggs presented information on the Water Tower Design Contest. The contest will be promoted at the 150 th Celebration.
AQUATIC CENTER	Driggs said the Aquatic Center camera system is being replaced as the old one is starting to fail. He said the tentative last day for the outdoor pool is August 10 th , a guard party will be on August 9 th , and a City Employee and Council cookout will be on August 12 th .
AIRPORT EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATES	Driggs presented a letter from the Phillips County Economic Development awarding \$75,000 for the Airport Extension Project pending approval by the Phillips County Commissioners. Driggs said he would like the Council to attend the Commissioner meeting next Monday. Driggs said one of the properties is secured and have reached out to the other Foundations inform them the agreement is in place and to send checks in support of that project. The proposal has been sent out on the other property and the 30 days on the offer has expired so will be looking at options to proceed.
STREET SEALING	Driggs said Circle C Paving plans to be street sealing from July 25 th to August 2 nd . Notifications will be distributed door to door, on social media, and through an ADT alert.
HYDRANT FLUSHING	Driggs said the Water Department has been flushing fire hydrants.
YARD CLEANUP	With the 150 th Celebration and the Rodeo coming up, Driggs asked that the community cleanup their yards. A number of code violations will be issued this week.
DANGEROUS STRUCTURES	It was the consensus for City Attorney Sage to review Driggs' dangerous structure reports for 66 Imperial and 903 8 th Street to present at the next Council meeting.

PICKUP PURCHASE AUTHORIZED	Driggs said the Finance Committee recommended looking at Matteson Motors for a pickup. He said a new truck has been in the budget for years, but the purchase has been put off. Driggs described the 2020 Chevy and two 2021 Dodges that are available. He said he will be trading in the 2006 Dodge water plant pickup. Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to negotiate the purchase of a pickup up to \$48,000 at Matteson's. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
PLANNING COMMISSION	Driggs said the Planning Commission plans to meet on Wednesday July 20 th for a public hearing.
STREET CLOSING ALLOWED AUG 6TH	Wells said the Street Committee agreed to allow OZ Brewing to close the street for the event on August 6 th .
APPRECIATION	Gross thanked the Council on behalf of all staff for the ARPA premium pay.
NOTICE TO EXCEED RNR INTENT AUTHORIZED	Gross said the Council Committees met to discuss projects, the Finance Committee met for preliminary budget discussions, Driggs and Gross reviewed the budget in detail, and the Finance Committee met again to review the budget with Mapes & Miller. Gross presented the Notice to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate Intent. Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to authorize the mayor to sign the notice. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
CITY OFFICE STAFF ACTIVITIES	Gross reported city office staff have been filling in for transportation, participating in safety training, working on the budget, entering collection court cases into Caselle software program, cross training and preparing for AP Clerk's upcoming extended leave beginning the end of July.
OPIOID SETTLEMENT ACH AUTHORIZED	Gross reported the Opioid Settlement check came with a letter from the Kansas Attorney General's Office stating they expect to recover funds for at least the next eighteen years. Moved by Wells, seconded by Sanson to authorize the mayor to sign the ACH form. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
FINANCIAL REPORTS	Gross presented the financial reports.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Moved by Wells, seconded by McConnell that the city council recess into executive session to discuss personnel matter pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with the Council, Mayor, Driggs, Gross, and Sage in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:40 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
	Jansonius, Martin, Ellenbergers, Clark, Ross, Weinert left the meeting- time 6:30 p.m.
	Jansonius, Martin, Ellenbergers, Clark, Weinert returned to the meeting- time 6:40 p.m.
	Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order.
MAINTENANCE IV POSITION CREATED	Moved by Wells, seconded by McConnell to create a new Maintenance IV position. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Wells, seconded by McConnell 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 Council, Mayor, Sage, Gross, and Driggs in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:55 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

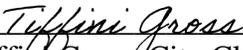
Jansonius, Martin, Ellenbergers, Clark, Weinert and Rogers left the meeting- time 6:41 p.m

Jansonius, Martin, Ellenbergers, Weinert and Rogers returned to the meeting- time 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order. No action taken.

ADJOURN

Moved by McConnell, seconded by Sanson to adjourn- time 6:55 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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