

CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2020

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on August 3, 2020, 6:00 P.M, at the Phillipsburg City Office, 945 Second Street.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance R. Munyon.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councilmembers Terry McConnell; Bret Miles; Vickie Gibbs; Mike James; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Galen Wickham; Margaret Lemon; Shawn Ellenberger; Conrad Corman; Burt Mongeau, B&B Redimix; Jaque Wickham; Tammy Merklein; Roger Olmsted; Denis Miller, Mapes & Miller LLP; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin, My Phillips County Online; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Scott Aust, Community Development Director; 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 Munyon.

SUMMER BALL PROGRAMS

Corman, 201 4th Street, representing Phillipsburg Little League, Men's Softball, and K-18 programs. Corman reported he has been president of the board for 7-8 years and the city has donated \$3000 to hire a person each year for dragging and chalking the ball fields. Corman asked the Council to reconsider donating the money again. At Gibbs request, it was the consensus of the Council to table a decision until the next meeting.

Conrad left meeting- time 1:08 p.m.

531 1ST STREET DRAINING ISSUE

Lemon, 531 1st Street, presented the storm drainage problem at her property and her neighbor's property and asked for assistance fixing the problem. Driggs stated a building permit was issued. Olmsted stated he has only had a problem with the drainage coming onto his property this year. Mongeau described the cement work he completed on the property and stated the issue with the drainage is partly from the slope of the area and an iron barrier that was installed. Miles said the Street Committee and Driggs will go to the property, test the water flow and work on finding a solution.

Olmsted left meeting- time 6:18 p.m.

FIREWORKS CONCERNS

Wickham, 182 Morse Dr, stated that his name was brought up in the last meeting and asked why he wasn't made aware of the issue instead of it being brought up in the meeting. Wickham gave a detailed timeline of July 4th when the fireworks stand had sold out, and all signs and displays had been taken down. He said by 8:00 p.m. it was no longer a firework stand and around 8:05-8:10 p.m. they were discharging fireworks on the property as allowed by city ordinance. Wickham requested a closed-door meeting with the Council. Mayor Munyon stated an

FIREWORKS
CONCERNS CONT.

executive session will be held at the end of the meeting and they will include Wickham.

Mongeau and Lemon left meeting- time 6:21 p.m.

2021 BUDGET
HEARING

Miller, Mapes & Miller LLP, presented the 2021 budget. Mayor Munyon stated the Finance Committee had reviewed the budget in detail with Miller, Gross, and Driggs.

Jaque Wickham and Tammy Merklein- meeting- time 6:25 p.m.

Moved by Miles, seconded by James to authorize the publication of the 2021 Budget Hearing Notice. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Miller left meeting- time 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved by McConnell, seconded by Sanson to approve the July 20, 2020 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

APPROPRIATION
ORD #1055-07-20B

Moved by Rogers, seconded by McConnell to approve ordinance #1055-07-20B, to pay the bills for the month of July. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

REMINDER TO VOTE

Gibbs reminded the public to vote tomorrow.

2020 CENSUS

James provided an update on 2020 Census. Kansas is ranked #14 in the nation and 67.6% of Phillipsburg residents have completed surveys.

INSURANCE
DEDUCTIBLE FUND

Miles reported the Finance Committee recommends setting aside funds for insurance deductible and to transfer \$30-50,000 each year into the fund. It was the consensus of the Council to have Sage draft an ordinance to create an insurance deductible fund.

CHARTER ORD #15
LIBRARY BOARD
APPROVED

Moved by Miles, seconded by Sanson to adopt a charter ordinance exempting the City of Phillipsburg, KS from the provisions of K.S.A 12-2222, authorizing the mayor with the approval of the governing body to appoint Library Board members residing outside of the municipality but within U.S.D. 325 School District to the Library board. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Statutory majority having voted for this charter ordinance; the city clerk assigned it Charter Ordinance #15.

CDBG-CV GRANT

Aust announced the City of Phillipsburg was approved for \$167,000 CDBG-CV grant for \$35,000 available to food programs and \$132,000 for businesses. He stated any business that had applied to the county for the grant must resubmit to the city for the grant. Aust said in order to move forward with the grant, the forms required by the state must be signed by the mayor. Moved by Miles, seconded by James to authorize Mayor Munyon to sign all forms for the CDBG-CV grant. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. It was the consensus of the Council to table the decision on how to divide up the business grant and determine the business application deadline. Aust will notify businesses about the grant through social media, tadpole, and in person meetings.

ARMORY GRANTS Aust announced grants for the armory project for \$5,000 each were received by Darwin & Lorene Cole Foundation and Albert Morgan and Leona A. Morgan Charitable Foundation, Inc.

VISION 2030 BROCHURES Aust reported the Vision 2030 brochures are printed and will be mailing them to potential donors and will be making a presentation to the Hansen Foundation.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITIES Driggs reported public works department activities have included repairing and patching streets, repairing 5 water leaks today and 3 last week, picking up large limbs throughout the city, sweeping streets before rodeo, and mowing.

TRANSPORTATION FOR ELECTION DAY Driggs stated public transportation will be providing free rides to the polls for election day tomorrow.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM POLICY CHANGE APPROVED Driggs presented a change to the transportation program policy that will comply with COVID requirements. It was the consensus to approve the transportation policy.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS Driggs reported well 29, 20, and 35 were inspected and treated, well 20's casing was repaired, the transfer pump from 104 was rebuilt and back in service, the blower motors at the wastewater plant were rebuilt, and the Aquatic Center recirculation pump failure was fixed.

AQUATIC CENTER LAST DAY AUG 16TH It was the consensus of the Council for Sunday, August 16th to be the last day of the season for the outdoor Aquatic Center. There will be no additional parties or family swim scheduled the remainder of the season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Moved by Miles, seconded by Rogers for the 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, Sage, and Galen Wickham in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 7:20 p.m.

Moved by Miles, seconded by Sanson to resume regular meeting. No action taken.

ADJOURN Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 7:21 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk