

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2023**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on September 5, 2023, 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 Jeanette Harris; Pete Rogers; Terry McConnell; Tracy Sanson; Mike James, Brian Shrader.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Ellenberger; Lauren Weinert; Kenneth Craig; Alex Parks; Don Roberts; Denis Miller; Rachel Martin; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Tim Driggs, Director of Public Works; Brandi Spray, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was led by Mayor Bret Miles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

S. Scott Sage, Max and Peggy Campbell arrived to the meeting at 6:01pm.

Lauren Weinert clarified with the council that the no parking on SW 2nd Street was not voted on at any previous council meetings.

Don Roberts thanked the street crews for filling the potholes near his home and made the council aware of big potholes on C Street.

Ken Craig let the council know that the crosswalks near the schools are not marked.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

Max Campbell said he has been working on cleaning up 531 E Street, 1679 1st Street, 1690 1st Street and 401 B Street.

PUBLIC HEARING TO EXCEED RNR

Denis Miller, Mapes & Miller, LLP, presented the 2024 Revenue Neutral Rate. There was no public comment or council discussion.

RESOLUTION #332 EXCEED RNR ADOPTED

Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to adopt Resolution #332 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

BUDGET HEARING

Denis Miller presented the 2024 Budget. There was no public comment or council discussion.

2023 BUDGET ADOPTED

Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to adopt the 2024 budget. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Denis Miller left the meeting at 6:15pm.

MINUTES APPROVED

Moved by McConnell, seconded by Rogers to approve the August 21st, 2023 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

APP ORD 1055-08-23B	Moved by James, seconded by Shrader to approve ordinance #1055-08-23B to pay the bills for the month of August. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
MOSQUITO SURVEY RESULTS	Shrader presented the results of the mosquito survey. The results are as follows: “Do you want the City of Phillipsburg to hire a contractor to assist in the control of mosquitos?”, 345 said yes, 112 said no. “Would you pay \$1 a month on your water bill for the City of Phillipsburg to fog/spray to control the mosquito population?”, 301 said yes, 158 said no.
PETTY CASH INCREASE	Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to increase the Petty Cash designated replenishment balance from \$1,000 to &2,000. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
CD INTEREST BIDS	James stated that the finance committee met and discussed bidding out the cd’s that are currently held at First National Bank & Trust. He said they will meet again and get more information put together for the council at a later date.
LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	Moved by Rogers, seconded by James to have the mayor sign the 2024 Law Enforcement Contract. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
PUBLIC WORKS CREW UPDATE	McConnell stated that the crews have worked on a couple more water leaks recently, one at 6 th and E and another at 8 th and Park and they have both been repaired.
STATE STREET PHASE II UPDATE	McConnell said that the crews have moved from the South side to the North side of State Street and have begun tearing up the old asphalt and bricks.
STREET SEALING	McConnell stated that the street sealing will begin Monday, September 11 th .
AIRPORT FARMING AGREEMENT	Moved by McConnell, seconded by Shrader to continue the farming ground to include the property that is now inside city limits. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
STATE STREET BID CLARIFICATION	McConnell stated that the State Street Project was originally bid on April 20, 2022, it was bid to complete the waterline from 7 th to 5 th and new concrete pavement from 8 th to 100 feet West of 6 th Street. An additive alternate was also bid to allow pavement to reach 5 th Street. The bids for both base bid and add alternates came in well above the engineers estimate and by state statute, the city was required to reject bids and the project was adjusted to meet the funding requirements and rebid. The project was awarded as the rebid was selected. He stated that there were no mistakes made by the city and the project was not held up by the city.
POWER POLE RELOCATION CONTRACT	Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to approve the Prairieland Electric Power Pole Removal Contract. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICY	Moved by Sanson, seconded by McConnell to adopt the new Code Enforcement Policy. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

PLANNING
COMMISSION
MEETING

Sanson stated that the Planning Commission will meet on September 13th at 5:30 to discuss the Health and Welfare Code and abandoned and vacant lot building ordinances.

SHADE TREE
COMMISSION

Harris stated that the Shade Tree Commission received a \$5,000 grant by Phillips County Community Foundation to purchase trees and will be planted down by South Grade. Sixty-five trees have been purchased and they will be planted by the middle school students as part of their good deeds project.

KLM CONFERENCE

Sage requested permission to attend the annual Kansas League of Municipalities Conference. It was the consensus of the council to allow the city attorney to attend the conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by James, seconded by Rogers that the city council 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 the City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Driggs and Spray in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:55pm. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Ellenberger, Weinert, Craig, Parks, Roberts, Miller, Ross, Martin and Campbells left the meeting at 6:33pm.

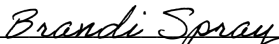
Weinert and Martin returned to the meeting at 6:55pm.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Shrader stated that the city will not be spraying for mosquitos in 2023 as previously decided and will talk about whether or not to spray in 2024 before the season starts again.

ADJOURN

Moved by McConnell, seconded by Sanson to adjourn – time 6:55pm. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Brandi Spray, City Clerk

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