

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2021**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on September 20, 2021, 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 Vickie Gibbs; Mike James; Terry McConnell; Pete Rogers; Tracy Sanson; Angie Wells via ZOOM. ABSENT: NONE. ALSO PRESENT: Carmen Santos Legarreta; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin, My Phillips County Online; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Shawn Ellenberger; Brad Lare; 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.
SALES LICENSE APPROVED	It was the consensus of the Council to allow Clerk Gross to issue a peddler sales license for Santos’s Ice Cream Truck. Legarreta left meeting- time 6:03 p.m.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by Gibbs to approve the September 7, 2021 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APPROPRIATION ORD. 1055-09-21A	Moved by Rogers, seconded by Sanson to approve ordinance #1055-09-21A, to pay the bills for the month of September. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
FINANCIAL CLARIFICATION	James clarified a misconception from last meeting regarding the mill levy; the increase in the budget and mill levy is due mostly to increase in employee benefits and law enforcement and not due to the proposed airport runway extension project.
NATURAL GAS CONTRACT	Moved by James, seconded by Rogers to approve an agreement with Secure Energy for a fixed gas rate of \$4.49 per dekatherm for three years. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
COVID UPDATE	Rogers reported there is currently 17 active COVID cases in Phillips County. The COVID booster shot is approved only for moderately or severely immunocompromised people.
CITY’S WEBSITE RE-DESIGN LAUNCH	Sanson said the city’s website redesign is in the stage of final touches and will be ready to launch on October 6 th . She thanked those who also participated in the redesign project including Vickie Gibbs, Kollette Keeten, Lynette Voorhees, Tiffini Gross, Krystal Zimmerman, Lance Munyon, and all those who submitted pictures in the photo contest.

KANSAS FLY TOUR	Wells reminded everyone that the Kanas Fly Tour will be this Friday at the Phillipsburg Airport.
PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE	Driggs reported on public works activities, including finishing up final touches on the Quanz Reservoir project, installing a check valve on pit of well 48, mowing at cemetery and parks, and extra work at the airport to prepare for the Kansas Fly Tour.
KDHE ERROR	Driggs said on September 17 th he received a notice of non-compliance for the underground storage tank from Kansas Department of Health & Environment. He said when he followed up on the notice the State said their software is sending out false violations and they are working to correct it. He said that he has an email stating the violation is an error to file with the mistaken violation.
GOOD DEEDS DAY	Driggs said last Friday was Good Deeds Day for Phillipsburg Middle School. Students who painted fire hydrants around town and next year they plan to plant trees with the Shade Tree Committee.
KANSAS FLY TOUR	Driggs said the Kansas Fly Tour is this Friday and around 45 planes are registered to fly in around 1:30 p.m. He said the event will showcase the importance of our airport to the community.
USD 325 COLOR RUN	Driggs said on Wednesday, September 22 nd , public works staff will be helping with traffic control for the school's annual color run.
2021 FALL CLEANUP	Driggs reported City-Wide Fall Cleanup will be the week of October 18-22 nd .
WASTE WATER COVID TESTING	Driggs said Kansas Department of Health & Environment will be using a new wastewater testing program to test water on Mondays and Wednesdays. The test will indicate if there will be a spike in COVID cases within the next seven days. The testing will be paid for by KDHE.
WATER PLANT OPERATOR I POSITION	Driggs stated that he has offered the Water Plant Operator I position to a candidate.
TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES	Driggs said he plans to implement technology with the purchase of an I-pad for the trash truck and one for the water plant pick-up, to be used to complete work orders. Also, two cellphones will be purchased for the public works crews. These phones will be kept in the vehicles and used for work orders, locates and communications.
	Dan Heinze arrived.
CURB DEBRI	Wells encouraged residents to take their trash directly to the landfill or wait to put it to the curb until closer to cleanup week.
CITY CLERK REPORTS	City Clerk Gross presented the monthly financial reports and updated council on the software implementation.
150 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	Mayor Miles said the 150 th Anniversary Celebration Committee has met once and anyone who would like to join the committee or volunteer to help with the celebration is welcome, and to please contact the committee.

Mayor Miles recessed the City Council meeting.

DANGEROUS
STRUCTURE PUBLIC
HEARING 256 7th ST

A public hearing concerning the structure located at 256 7th Street was held. City Attorney Sage gathered information from the Director of Public Works regarding the condition of the property and from Daniels Heinze, representing property owner Gerald Hammer, on the intentions of removing the structure or repairing it. Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to find the structure located on Lots 28, 29 & 30, Block 66, CK&N Addition to the City of Phillipsburg, Kansas, commonly known as 256 7th Street is unsafe or dangerous and directing the structure to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and the work to commence within 60 days and complete the repair or demolition 60 days after commencing work. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Heinze left meeting-time 6:42 p.m.

DANGEROUS
STRUCTURE PUBLIC
HEARING 651 E ST

A public hearing concerning the structure located at 651 E Street was held. City Attorney Sage gathered information from the Director of Public Works regarding the condition of the property. The owner of the property had been notified but was not in attendance and no public comments were received. Moved by James, seconded by Gibbs to find the structure located on Lot 9, Block 5, Range 7, Original Town to the City of Phillipsburg, Kansas, commonly known as 651 E Street is unsafe or dangerous and directing the structure to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and the work to commence within 60 days and complete the repair or demolition 60 days after commencing work. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

DANGEROUS
STRUCTURE PUBLIC
HEARING 891 2nd ST

A public hearing concerning the structure located at 891 2nd Street was held. City Attorney Sage gathered information from the Director of Public Works regarding the condition of the property and from Matthew Christensen, property owner, who stated he intends to disassemble the structure. Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to find the detached shed located on north 80 feet of lots 1,2, & 3, Block 6 Range 2, Original Town to the City of Phillipsburg, Kansas, commonly known as 891 2nd Street is unsafe or dangerous and directing the structure to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and the work to commence within 60 days and complete the repair or demolition 60 days after commencing work. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

The regular City Council meeting resumed at 6:58 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs for the council to recess into executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exemption K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6) with the city council, mayor, director of public works, city clerk and city attorney and the open meeting to resume at 7:10 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

AIRPORT PROJECT
REAL ESTATE

Moved by Gibbs seconded by James to give Driggs authorization to move forward with the design and RW discussion and purchase with the approval of the environmental assessments for the airport project. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
MEETING

Mayor Miles and Director Driggs plan to attend the September 27th County Commissioners meeting to address the miscommunication with the county's September 13th minutes incorrect statements in regards to the airport project.

RESOLUTION #299

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs to adopt resolution #299, regarding the dangerous structure at 256 7th Street. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Clerk Gross will publish resolution in the newspaper and mail a certified copy to the known property owners and existing tenants.

RESOLUTION #300

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs to adopt resolution #300, regarding the dangerous structure at 651 E Street. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Clerk Gross will publish resolution in the newspaper and mail a certified copy to the known property owners and existing tenants.

RESOLUTION #301

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Gibbs to adopt resolution #301, regarding the dangerous structure at 891 2nd Street. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Clerk Gross will publish resolution in the newspaper and mail a certified copy to the known property owners and existing tenants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Rogers, seconded by James to recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1) with the city council, mayor, and director of public works in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 7:25 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Sage, Martin, Ross, Ellenberger, Gross, & Lare left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 7:25 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.



Tiffini Gross, City Clerk

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