

**CITY OF PHILLIPSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2022**

The Phillipsburg City Council met in regular session on November 7, 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 Mike James; Terry McConnell; Jeanette Harris; Tracy Sanson; Vickie Gibbs. ABSENT: Pete Rogers. ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Bret Miles; S. Scott Sage, City Attorney; Rachel Martin; Kirby Ross, Phillips County Review; Lauren Weinert; Daryl Clark; Shawn and Tim Ellenberger; Ron Jansonius; Tim Driggs, Director of Public Works; Krystal Zimmerman, Accounts Payable Clerk.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States was led by Mayor Miles.
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.
MINUTES APPROVED	Moved by McConnell, seconded by Sanson to approve the October 17, 2022 minutes as written. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
APP ORD 1055-10-22B APPROVED	Moved by James, seconded by McConnell to approve ordinance #1055-10-22B, to pay the bills for the month of October. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.
CITY WIDE CLEAN UP	Mike James complimented the public works crew on the clean-up work. He mentioned seeing extra items left out that the city does not pick up, such as construction debris.
HEALTH INSURANCE	James reported that the Insurance Committee has been reviewing insurance and is waiting on one more quote, and said it looks as though next years' health insurance costs will increase by 14%.
JPPC	Terry McConnell told the council that the JPPC met and heard from a representative from Legal Shield. He said the committee talked about a policy change that would be tabled to a later meeting. He reported that plans for the employee appreciation dinner that the committee decided on would be changed and decided on at a later time.
LAW COMMITTEE	Moved by Sanson, seconded by James to approve a 4% increase in annual fee the Phillips County Sheriff's Department charges the city for their services. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

MUNICIPAL COURT
FINE FEE SCHEDULE

Sanson reported the Law Committee reviewed the Law Enforcement Court Fine schedule and has updated the 2010 schedule to match the County's current fees. Moved by Sanson, seconded by McConnell to approve a new Phillipsburg Municipal Court fine fee schedule effective December 1, 2022. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

JUDGE & ATTORNEY
SALARY INCREASE
APPROVED

Moved by Sanson, seconded by McConnell to approve a 6% salary raise for the City Attorney and the Municipal Court Judge. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE. Attorney Sage thanked the council.

PUBLIC WORKS
ACTIVITIES

Driggs shared that he plans to attend the water conference next week. He stated crews have been busy with city wide clean up, water meter replacements, and retiring a 2" waterline at 4th and B Street. Driggs said he intends to leave the campground water on as long as possible before winterizing. He said work has begun preparing the city's Christmas decorations.

INSURANCE CLAIM

Driggs stated that EMC, the city's liability insurance company, agreed to pay a claim for damages at 10th and Kansas after a sewer lift failure.

TRANSPORTATION
GRANT

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to authorize the Mayor to sign the assurances in accordance with the submission of the 2023 transportation grant application. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

Driggs said there was much criticism from residents this year for a number of items the city does not pick up during city wide clean up. Discussion was held on whether or not to change the policy of city wide clean up restrictions. Driggs pointed out that items piled in alleys cannot be picked up with city equipment. It was the consensus of the Council to table to discussion at this time.

AIRPORT
CONDEMNATION

Driggs reported that condemnation was filed October 25th. That hearing should be here in the next few weeks and we will work on getting dates out for that. In addition to the packets there is two documents related to annexation. One document is a consent for annexation, one document is the ordinance for annexation. Those are there for your review and we will pick that back up in the next meeting and see what direction you would like to go from there. We provided some information in the last council meeting and you wanted those prepared, so we had those available for discussion. As far as the other portions of stuff out there, the law suit that was filed, Driggs gave an update everyone on that the first set of interrogatories has been filed and sent back to the judge. He said from his understanding, a hearing date has been scheduled for August the 23rd, and the petition to dismiss those charges will be filed later this month. Mr. Hoffman has been working on getting through some of the specifics for that, going through the information we provided and we will go beyond that

SIGN SOLUTIONS

Driggs shared that Sign Solutions has requested to vacate the space at the community building before the lease is up. Driggs stated that this will benefit both parties. He said they will be out by the end of the month.

PLANNING
COMMISSION

Planning Commission has been rescheduled to November 23rd.

PIZZA HUT 2023 CMB
LICENSE APPROVED

Moved by Sanson, seconded by Gibbs to approve Pizza Hut's 2023 Cereal Malt Beverage license. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

EMPLOYEE BONUS
BUCKS

Moved by James, seconded by Sanson to give the employees each bonus bucks in the amount of \$50. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

EMPLOYEE POLICY
CHANGE

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to approve the proposed change in the personnel policy. Voting Aye: McConnell, Harris, Sanson, Gibbs. Opposed: James.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell that the city council recess into executive session to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with Sage, Mayor, and Council in attendance and the open meeting to resume in the city council chamber at 6:39 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Martin, Jansonius, Ellenbergers, Clark, Weinhert, Ross, Driggs, Zimmerman left the meeting- time 6:29 p.m.

Martin, Ellenbergers, Clark, Weinhert, Driggs and Zimmerman returned to meeting- time 6:39 p.m.

Mayor Miles called the meeting back to order. Time 6:39 p.m.

ADJOURN

Moved by Gibbs, seconded by McConnell to adjourn- time 6:40 p.m. Voting Aye: ALL. Opposed: NONE.

Krystal Zimmerman
Krystal Zimmerman, Accounts Payable Clerk

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