

City of The Highlands
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 6:00 p.m., December 13, 2021
Nickerson City Hall, 15 N. Nickerson St., Nickerson, KS 67561
Social Distancing and hand sanitizing are required, masks are strongly encouraged.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Welcome by Mayor Carol Moore
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call of Council Members by the City Clerk:
 - Council Members Present: Butch Neel, Jeff Jackson, Jennalee Boggs, and Greig Sims.
 - Absent: Brian McElgunn
 - City Clerk: Cindy Dale
 - ARZ: Mo Penny
 - Guests: Mark Kerschen, Kenny Nuss, Brad Easter and Tom Dobson

II. Approval of the Agenda as presented.

- **Butch Neel motioned to approve Agenda as presented, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**

III. Public Comments:

- 1. Brad Easter asked if Ideatek had been in contact with the City Council, no they have not.

IV. Approval of minutes: November 22, 2021, regular meeting.

- **Jeff Jackson motioned to accept Minutes of November 22, 2021, as presented, seconded by Jennalee Boggs. Motion passed.**

V. Reports

A. Mayor

- 1. Entrance
 - Discuss final billing with Peggy Williford.
- 2. Invited to a joint meeting with county administrators, city mayors and state representatives

- **Jeff Jackson made a motion to use American Rescue funds to pre-fund sewer district if allowed within the parameters of use of the American Rescue funds, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**

B. Treasurer report given by Cindy Dale, City Clerk for November 2021

- 1. Beginning balance of checking account \$140,172.67; deposits \$4,433.64 less expenses of \$22,191.02, balance at end of November 2021 \$122,415.29
- 2. Heartland Credit Union \$25
- 3. Heartland Credit Union interest income \$13.91, balance \$30,778.74
- 4. First National Bank CD \$15,592.96

C. AZC report

- 1. Tarring of road cracks and repairs
 - An estimated 3 pallets of tar will be used before the end of the year for a sum of approximately \$9,255.00

- **Jeff Jackson made a motion to pay Powered by Me \$9,255.00 when the tarring work is completed, seconded by Jennalee Boggs. Motion passed.**
- 2. Permits:
 - Mike Miller has submitted building permit and paid \$500 building permit fee.
- **Jeff Jackson made a motion to approve building permit submitted by Mike Miller, seconded by Jennalee Boggs. Motion passed.**
- 3. For discussion – Permit for moving dirt prior to building.
 - Discussion was tabled until second meeting in January 2022.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Report from the ROW committee
 - 1. Tom Dobson brought a recommendation for the city to consider. The city recommended that the committee take a map of The Highlands and mark the problem areas and bring to the second council meeting in January 2022.
- B. Drafting letter for first phase of ROW clearing
 - 1. A letter will be drafted after ROW committee has established problem areas.
- C. Progress on lot clean-up for Phase I
 - 1. Letter will be drafted, and fines determined of those who have not started doing any work on clearing lot.
- D. Establishing a fine for lots not cleaned
 - 1. Fines will be determined at next council meeting.
- E. Draft letter for Phase II of lot clean-up.
 - 1. Phase II of recommended lot clean-up will begin in January. A Phase II letter similar to Phase I will be sent to those lot owners identified by the committee who are deemed to not be in compliance with removal of dead vegetation.

VII. New Business

- A. Feeding deer discussion was tabled following a brief review of the recommendations published by the Department of Wildlife and Parks.

VIII. As may arise

IX. 2021 Goals: Road repairs, vacant lot clean-up, signage (completed), future drainage concern.

X. Motion to adjourn

- **Motion made by Jennalee Boggs, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.**

Council went into Executive Session.