

City of The Highlands
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 6:00 p.m., October 11, 2021
Nickerson City Hall, 15 N. Nickerson St., Nickerson, KS 67502

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.
 - Council Member absent: Brian McElgunn
 - City Clerk: Cindy Dale
 - Guest: Bill Moyer

II. Approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

III. Public Comments:

- A. Bill Moyer questions Ordinance 2021-23 on cleaning of dead trees on lots.
 - Mr. Moyer wanted the council to know that in his opinion there is beauty in dead trees and he didn't feel his lots did not have that many dead trees that need to be removed.
 - He questioned the legal standing of the Ordinance if challenged in court.
 - The mayor replied to Mr. Moyer that the council had done research of legality of Ordinance 2021-23

IV. Approval of minutes: Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021.

- **Motion to Accept minutes of September 27th made by Greig Sims seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.**

V. Reports

- A. Mayor
 1. Invitation from Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber regarding American Rescue Plan Act was sent to the City of Highlands for Highlands residents only on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the First National Bank, Main and Sherman, on 5th floor at 6:30 pm.
 2. Form – Request for Inspection or Copy of Public Records. A draft of form was taken to the city's attorney for review.
- **Jeff Jackson made a motion to approve the form as presented, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**
- B. Treasurer
 1. Jeff Jackson gave Treasurer's report in absence of Brian McElgunn.
 - September 2021: Income \$10,162.59; distributions \$13,951.49

- C. AZC report
 - 1. Powered by Me should be wrapping up Phase 1 2021 Road Repairs.
 - 2. Mo Penny stated that we will have permits for signature by the council for two new homes and a new shed at next meeting.
 - 3. Street signs: Butch identified 4 locations for new sign posts. Dig Safe will check out the areas that Butch marked with red flags.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Letters were sent to lot owners who have cleaned their lots and those who have not. The deadline is November 10, 2021.
- B. Annual approval of City of the Highlands FEMA officer.
 - Loren Frees has agreed to accept this position for another year.
 - Council asked if this position could be an ongoing position until a person resigns or removed from office by city council. A resolution will be written by Jennalee Boggs.

VII. New Business

- A. Council will solicit volunteers to go through city and see what right of ways need to be cleaned. Mo Penny will chair that committee.
- B. Ordinance 2020-17-page 6 C: Control of domestic animals off owner's property can not be off leash. A warning letter will notify owner of violation and fines established by Resolution 2021-0067.
- C. American Rescue Plan Act fund is established by Resolution 2021-0072
 - **Jeff Jackson motioned to approved Resolution 2021-0072 American Rescue Plan Act fund, seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.**
- D. Long term planning. Greig Sims volunteered to make some contacts regarding recommendations for paving of city roads.

VIII. As may arise

- A. Discuss long term mowing of ROW

IX. 2021 Goals: Road repairs, vacant lot clean-up, signage, future drainage concerns

X. Motion to adjourn

- **Motion made by Jennalee Boggs and seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**