City of The Highlands, Kansas

COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

May 09th, 2019, 6:00 PM Held at Nickerson City Hall, Nickerson, Ks

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Penny called the meeting to order on May 09, 2019 at 6:02 P.M.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Ken Nuss, Bonnie Teel, Mark Kerschen, Butch Neel, Dwight Gehring
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** Led by Mo Penny
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Minutes from 04/25/2019 and workshop 05/03/2019 – Butch Neel motion to approve both. Dwight Gehring second. Passed 5-0.
4. **REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS** 
   * 1. Peggy Rust expressed desire to build a home that would utilize a portion of the garage space as a hobby cat breeder. Council would take under advisement.
     2. Larry and Trisha Burgey expressed desire to do a demolition and restoration of a pre 1979 home taken from Hutchinson.
     3. Tony Gaston (not present) Permit Application handed to clerk but was incomplete. Clerk to provide Health and Safety Agreement form for 2019-RR-02. No action taken.
     4. Scott Anderson was given an updated building permit to sign, contingent upon completion of a lot consolidation by Alphaland Survey Inc. Clerk to get copied provide Mr. Anderson the permit tomorrow (June 10th).
5. **REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS AND INVOICES:**
   * + Invoice from Martindell Swearing Attorneys for April invoice. Bonnie Teel motion to approve and pay the invoice ($525). Butch Neel second. Passed 5-0.
6. **BUSINESS:**
   * 1. Mark Kerschen motion to approve Resolution 2019-0019 terms of AZRC for 2019. Bonnie Teel second. Passed 5-0.
     2. Bonnie Teel motion to approve Resolution 2019-0020 to establish staggered terms of Board of Zoning Appeals for 2019 to January of 2022. Mark Keschen second. Passed 5-0
     3. Discussion on proposed purchase of Land Pride RC5610 mower. Dwight Gehring motioned to authorize Butch Neel to get financing quotes and report at next meeting. Ken Nuss second. Passed 5-0.
     4. Report on road repairs by PBM. Still waiting on equipment and time/weather. No contract presented. No further action.
     5. Discussion (conducted along with mower purchase) for letters of non-compliance to mow right of way properties. Still being researched and in work. No action taken.
     6. Discussed Surety bonds for city clerk and treasurer. Bonnie Teel motion to obtain bonding for each as quoted by KFSA agency at $100 each. Butch Neel second. Passed 5-0
     7. Discussion of liability insurance for volunteers using personal equipment in city activities. Resolution required to provide for and authorize the activities at the direction of the Mayor. A list of volunteers and activity would be maintained and provided to Insurance policy carrier. Clerk to check with Mitch Cramer (KFSA) on format of list. No further action.
     8. Discussion of city-wide cleanup. Consensus of the Council was that a small percentage of the city took advantage of the dumpsters last year. Much of the disposal was people pruning trees rather than getting rid of lingering debris. Mark Kerschen motioned to set June 24th as a cleanup / drop off day and place a utility trailer at the fire station to collect sacks from roadway pickup. Bonnie Teel second. Passed 5-0.

Mayor Penny volunteered the trailer and to dispose of bags.

* + 1. Report on KDHE and Reno County Public Works' notice about cross connections between irrigation systems and the public water supply.
  1. **ADJOURNMENT**:

Butch Neel motion to adjourn. Dwight Gehring second. Passed 5-0