

## **City of The Highlands Council Meeting Minutes**

**November 14th. 2019**

**Held at Nickerson City Office, Nickerson Ks.**

**Attendees:** Randy Miller, Peggy Williford , Harley Teel , Robert and Barb Bowman, Chad Wilson, Loren Frees, Mitch Cramer, and Carol Moore

**Call to Order:** Mayor Mo Penny on November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll call :** Ken Nuss, Mark Kerschen, Butch Neel, Dwight Gehring, Bonnie Teel, and Mo Penny

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Led by Mo Penny

**Approval of Minutes from October 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting :** Butch Motion, Dwight 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Congratulations in order for Carol Moore and Robert Bowman for being elected as new city council members.**

### **Special Guest**

**Mitch Cramer:** Permit application for secondary structure 14 x 24 building wood floor, wood sides, shingles and paint to match house. Council discussed and met ordinances. Bonnie mentioned that he could have used the 4-page form, and everything looked good and in order. Mark made motion to approved and Butch 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 5-0. Mitch will bring check to Mark for payment to the permit.

**Robert Bowman:** Brought up the new city form for the board of appeals. Randy gave to Jeff to look at and is now with Brad. Randy will get back with city council on the new form. Robert also brought up the open meetings act for AZRC committee. Meeting could be put on the website.

December 12<sup>th</sup> would be a good date to set up meeting with AZRC and BZA committee. Mo to look at setting up.

**Peggy Williford:** Peggy made a comment and wanted to thank those who helped with trash pickup along Monroe and Snokomo. They collected 10 huge trash bags of trash. Kim Swafford helped with 4 other volunteers. Suggested we do this once a month to keep this area clean. She also brought up concerns about loose running dogs and if the City was going to put an ordinance in place to address this concern. One residence has already been bit and safety is at risk as long as dogs are allowed to run loose. City Council will look at putting together an ordinance in the near future.

### **Old Business**

Status of SB 105:

### **New Business**

**Invoices:** Reno county election invoice of \$613.66 and reimbursement for postage for Mark \$11.00. Bonnie made motion to approve and Ken 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved 5-0.

**Harley Teel:** Brought more mail, paperwork Disc, and books to the council.

**Ken Nuss's:** Discussed "Petition for vacation of Easement" application. We have to post a hearing on a vacated lot and published in The Bulletin. This has to be completed by Tuesday so it can be held at the next city council meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Butch and Mo will take care of the form Mo will make sure it is published before Tuesday. Butch will get the new form to Mark and he will take care of making it. Question came up about definition of hardship and Mo and Butch will get with the attorney. Ken said he just wanted it done correctly so there are no more problems going forward and that his can be settled by the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**City Clerk:** No applications or interest from the City of the Highlands. We still have an application from Luann Frank, but she is out of the city and salary is not in the city budget. It was noted that we had to have a city clerk. Mo is going to check with the Kansas League of Municipalities to see if a clerk is mandated for a city until we can get the position filled. Ken will check with attorney Frank.

**Amended Budget revision:** Has to be done before the end of the year. Suggested we use Scott Lloyd. It needs to be published 10 days before the hearing and needs to be sent to Donna Patton. Mo will check with Donna to see when she needs it. Bonnie will work with Scott on the budget.

**SB 105 Ordinance:** It was noted that we can't do any ordinances until we have a clerk and City Clerk Stamp. Butch will check to see what we need to do.

**Adoption of Standard Ordinances for Traffic and public Offences:** Mo purchased the books and were only \$8.00 each. Council needs to look at and plus make changes that would benefit the City. Mo will buy 2 more books, and this has been tabled till the first of the year.

**Consolidation of Lots:** Butch and Mo talked to Randall Henry about the consolidation of lots and he stated it can be done with a variance and filed with the Register of Deeds. He stated lots cannot be split or sold separately once it's filed with the register of deeds for Reno County. There was a question whether this is legal and really can be done. Bonnie is going to check a second source before we continue.

**25,000 Square Ft:** Before we discuss Butch is going to take the 2 plot maps and consolidate with plots and names of owners for the City Council to look at.

Ryan Walton is going to provide orange vest for workers. Lowen is providing caution signs for Runners from High Schools in the area that run within the city.

**Meeting Adornment:** Butch made a motion and Dwight 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 5-0.