

City of The Highlands Council Meeting Minutes

December 12th. 2019

Held at Nickerson City Office, Nickerson Ks.

Attendees Harley Teel, Robert and Barb Bowman, Carol Moore, Rod Dankert

Call to Order: Mayor Mo Penny on December 12th 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 24th 2019 meeting : Dwight Motion, Butch 2nd. Approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Expenses: Invoices: for The Bulletin for notice published utility abandonment, League of Municipalities for Handbooks, and Randall Henry Attorney real estate advice. Butch Motion, Dwight 2nd, passed 5-0.

City Clerk status: Terri Knoll passed on clerk position at this time. However, she said she would fill in as needed. Dee Swafford has some interest and would let us know this weekend.

Utility abandonment (Nuss) – Public notice published 11-21-2019: Was Published. New form was presented and approved. Dwight Motion, Butch 2nd, passed 5-0.

Discuss the consolidation of lots by variance – Rod Dankert application for secondary structure: Tabled for next meeting to get further information on Consolidation of Deeds or can be added to variance. Mo/Butch got information from Attorney who said as long as we allow variances then it can be filed with the resister of deeds. Bonnie said that was contradictory to the information she received and that a Consolidation of Deeds might be able to be used. Mo to check further.

Review adoption of standard ordinances for traffic and public offenses: Tabled to next year. Mo purchased books for council to review.

Get back on schedule with the necessary ordinances not yet in place: Tabled to next year.

Define “hardship” as it applies to one of five steps for approval of a variance: 5 definitions of Hardship needs to be defined in ordnance. Otherwise reverts to dictionary definition. Mo will call attorney to discuss and get something in writing.

SB 105 - swear in the elected and re-elected persons: Mo Penny, Butch Neel needs to get sworn in. Since we don't have a clerk at the present time it can be done at Hutchinson City office. This will need to be turned to the new clerk to keep on file. Robert Bowman and Carol Moore has been sworn in.

Continued discussion of required lot size: Butch hasn't finished consolidation of map information for further discussion. Tabled to next meeting. Bonnie Motioned, Butch 2nd. Passed 3-2.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve the utility abandonment application requested by Ken Nuss: Ken Nuss filled out the new form and was signed by 3 council members. Ken Nuss will get notarized and give back to the City then permit will need to be issued.

Amended Budget Report – Reserve Account Transfers – info from Scott Lloyd on cost of financial assistance: Bonnie met with Scott Lloyd and was impressed by the information she received. Scott suggested budget carried over could be transferred out and transferred to the 2020 budget as cash balance. If Scott did the budget it would cost \$1400 and additional \$1400 for an amended budget. \$900 for financial statement and \$9000-\$11,490 for employee maintenance.

Schedule meeting to get final invoices paid before year end: Special Meeting scheduled for 12/30/2019 at Crazy Horse Clubhouse 10:00 AM. Bonnie Motioned Dwight 2nd Passed 5-0

Begin to plan for the road repair projects scheduled for next spring and summer: Tabled until next year. Bonnie Motion/Dwight 2nd. Passed 5-0

Set in motion strategies to coordinate efforts between the City Council, AZRC and BZA. The AZRC and BZA must follow guidelines set forth in the city ordinances and Kansas statutes “work shop?”: Tabled to next year. Bonnie Motioned Butch 2nd. Passed 5-0

Request of Harley Teel to allow the city to purchase “The Highlands seal” which he purchased with his own monies. Harley donated the cost of the seal to the city. He said he would present it to the new clerk once one is assigned.

Other item brought up: Building was set up without city council approval or building permit on Snokomo. Request was made but did not reach the council for approval. Mo to follow up.

Recognize City Council Persons Dwight Gerhing and Ken Nuss for their contributions to city of The Highlands: Both Dwight and Ken were presented with Certificates for their service on the City Council. Both Ken and Dwight made closing comments as we move forward as a city and appreciation to be able to serve as city council members.

ADJOURN: Bonnie Motioned, Butch 2nd. Passed 5-0.