

City of The Highlands
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 6:00 p.m., November 22, 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, Brian McElgunn and Greig Sims.
 - City Clerk: Cindy Dale
 - ARZ: Mo Penny
 - Guests: Mark Kerschen, Kenny Nuss, Matt Ahlstedt, Marc Ahrens, Loren Frees, Kim Swafford, Peggy Williford, Tom Dobson

II. Approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

III. Public Comments:

- A. Peggy Williford
 - 1. The final billing of \$4,435.00 has been submitted from Bornholdt Plantland. The balance in donations made by citizens is \$2,835.15 plus \$711.99 from sale of ads in directory, leaving a balance of \$887.86 to be raised by the committee.
 - 2. City council thanked everyone on Peggy's committee who did the volunteer work and raised the funds.

IV. Approval of minutes: November 8, 2021, regular meeting.

- **Jeff Jackson motioned to accept Minutes of November 8, 2021, as presented, seconded by Jennalee Boggs. Motion passed.**

V. Reports

- A. Mayor
 - 1. Tree Lights were installed at entrance
 - Greig Sims grandson Gabriel provided a bucket truck to install lights on the tree.
 - Volunteers Peggy Williford, Randy Miller, Butch Neel and Carol Moore assisted in hanging lights.
- B. Treasurer
 - 1. General fund beginning balance \$75,421.68, income \$4,990.72 less \$29,170.46 and transfer \$141.70 to American Rescue fund, October 31, 2021, balance in General Fund \$51,10.24.
 - 2. Business Share Account Heartland Credit Union \$25.00
 - 3. Capital Improvement Fund \$80,764.83
 - 4. Equipment Fund \$25,604.73
 - 5. Parks and Recreation Fund \$4,332.24
 - 6. American Rescue Fund \$23,959.64, this fund is set aside until the city council gets instructions how it can be spent.
 - 7. Total Unencumbered Cash \$185,786.68
 - 8. Tax statement and Mill Levy are posted on the website.

C. AZC report

1. Status of road repairs: APAC has closed its plant for the season.
 - Powered by Me will start tarring. Tar is \$1,525 per pallet.
 - Powered by Me billing for work to date is \$22,280.00.

➤ **Jennalee Boggs made a motion to pay Power by Me \$22,280.00, seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.**

2. Permits:

- Matt Ahlstedt with Crazy Communication paid \$50 fee for their special use permit to begin laying fiber optic lines in right of ways of The Highlands. Work will begin with Phase I in February 2022 and complete December 31, 2022; Phase II January 1, 2023, and complete August 31, 2023, Phase III begin September 1, 2023, and complete in December 31, 2023.

➤ **Jeff Jackson made a motion to approve permit to Crazy Communications for special use permit to lay fiber optic lines in right of ways, seconded by Brian McElgunn. Motion passed.**

- Stan Wiggins submitted permit for utility shed, paid \$50 fee.

➤ **Jeff Jackson made a motion to approve permit to Stan Wiggins for shed, seconded by Brian McElgunn. Motion passed.**

1. Matt Graber submitted a permit for new home, paid \$500 fee.

➤ **Brian McElgunn made a motion to approve permit to Matt Graber for home, seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Report from the ROW committee

1. Tom Dobson, Kim Swafford and Loren Frees presented the council with recommendations to the council. The committee will revise their recommendation following discussion and will present final recommendation at next council meeting.

B. Progress of lot clean-up.

1. Some lots are being cleaned up, while others still are not in compliance.
2. In January 2022 a letter will be issued to those lot owners that have not complied with the Phase I letter and Ordinance 2021-23.

VII. New Business

A. Council meeting scheduled for December 27, 2021, will be canceled for the holidays.

➤ **Jennalee Boggs made a motion to cancel scheduled December 27, 2021, for the holidays, seconded by Jeff Jackson. Motion passed.**

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 Butch Neel, seconded by Jennalee Boggs. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**