

City of The Highlands
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, 6:00 p.m., June 24, 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

- Welcome by Mayor Carol Moore
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Council Members by the City Clerk:
 - Council Members Present: Jennalee, Boggs, Butch Neel, Brian McElgunn, and Greig Sims. Jeff Jackson not present
 - City Clerk: Cindy Dale
 - Council Appointees: Mo Penny (AZC) not present; Loren Frees (FEMA) not present
 - Guests: John Hendricks

II. Approval of the Agenda as presented.

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

III. Public Comment(s): John Hendricks (later in Agenda)

IV. Approval of minutes: June 10, 2021

- **Motion to Accept minutes of June 10, 2021, by Jennalee Boggs seconded by Greig Sims. Motion passed.**

V. Reports

A. Mayor

1. Communications from League of Kansas Municipalities

- Response from Deborah Barnes, Staff Attorney: There is no legal requirement for any of the things you mention, other than needing a motion and a second (and it keeps it tidy to record who those are, but won't delegitimize the decision unless your rules make it so. It just depends on what rules you have for your meetings. You certainly don't need to record reason for voting nay. The thing is to be consistent with whatever system you use.

2. Mayor participated in a webinar last week on the American Rescue plan.

B. Treasurer

1. Budget status.

- Looking back at last six months of last year and the first six month of this year to help form a budget.

- We are exceeding what we received in taxes from last year. For example, last year we received approximately \$3,200 Compensating Use Tax from the State of Kansas, and this year as of this date we have received \$2,100; for Highway last year we received approximately \$3,800 and this year to date we have received \$4,600 as of this date.
- If we want the CPA firm to check our budget numbers, they will charge an hourly rate.

C. AZC report

1. ROW mowing with Dixon
 - ROW mowing with Dixon will start on Monday, June 28, 2021.
 - Tree trimming in right of way.
 - For consistency, quotations should be approximately 15 ft. from edge of pavement.

➤ **Greg Sims made a motion to get quotations from Royer from Sterling and David Dukart to trim trees in city right of ways, seconded by Butch Neel. Motion passed.**

2. Powered by Me road repairs
 - They have repaired 38 to 40 of the 100 horizontal cracks.
 - The residents will be emailed schedule of work on Snokomo.
 - Powered by Me needs to update their cost per sq.ft.
3. Missing street signs: There are approximately 8 street signs missing some needing posts also.
 - Snokomo and Country Club Dr. missing sign
 - Paganica Pass where it circles Snokomo there is a wooden sign.
 - No sign at 101st and Monroe, but post is there.
 - No signs at 103rd and Golden Arrow and 103rd and Monroe.
 - Township should provide signs on Monroe.
 - Cost for metal posts is \$70 plus 50 lb. bag of Quikrete.
 - Before new signs are placed the corners need to be cleaned up.
4. Update on Crazy Communications permit.
 - Matt is working on specific maps for installation.
5. Ark Valley wants to bore under Crazy Horse Dr. to upgrade. They will need to obtain a special uses permit.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Status of lot clean up including city property. City will be asking two tree trimming companies for quotation to trim trees.
- B. Signage placement and violation enforcement
 1. Speed limit is 30 mph on all streets of the City of The Highlands.
 2. Remove the 15-mph sign in Paganica Plaza Dr. It is a speed limit that cannot be enforced.
 3. Council needs to establish amount to charge for illegal parking in right of ways. Possible warning for first offense. -The city judge has established court costs to be \$140.00 to be added to the cost of the violation if it does end up in court.

4. John Hendricks is retiring from the Sheriff's Department at the end of the month. Council asked John about the enforcement of some of our Ordinances, like parking tickets, but the Sheriff's Department will be enforcing speeding and other violations of the laws in the City.

C. Status of Ordinance No. 2021-24

1. There have not been any public comments regarding the changing of council meeting dates. This ordinance is ready for publication and becomes official on that date.

VII. New Business

A. Budget development (line-item questions)

1. List payroll expenses, etal, FICA taxes paid by city.

B. Sprinkler system at front entrance

1. It is fixed.
2. Backflow preventer needs to be installed at entrance. Cost approximately \$1,000

C. Future of city roads

1. Discussion ensued regarding the completion of Phase 3 (2020) before moving ahead with more repairs.

VIII. As may arise (no additions)

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 Butch Neel. Motion passed. Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.**