

## **Longton City Council Meeting**

### **Approved Minutes**

September 12, 2017 – 7:00PM

The meeting was open by Vice-Mayor Jennifer Walker at 7:00pm.

Council members present: Tom McRay, Sharon Ferguson, Jason Clatt, Mark Ashenfelter, Jennifer Walker

Absent: Mayor Stephen Fielder

Also present: Bonnie Fitzhugh, Hank Edwards, Nina Teska, Kimber Dupuis, Robert Walker Jr., Donald Payne, Mike Winters, Sherry Tuggle, Jack & Mary Vestal, Rob Boetefuer

**Minutes:** S.Ferguson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August regular meeting. J.Clatt seconded. Carried 5-0.

**Bills:** J.Clatt made a motion to accept the August paid bills and September bills to be paid, as presented. T.McRay seconded. Carried 5-0.

**Public Forum:** Bonnie reported Shari Kaminska called to report the SCKEDD meeting scheduled for September 13 at 6:30p.m. in Howard at the Cox Building.

Jack Vestal complained of a certified letter he received and he complained of yards that need to be mowed. Specifically, the vacant home at 307 Montgomery. Bonnie reported that the city has mowed that specific property in May, June, July & September of this year. Council explained to Jack that sending certified mail for a tall grass/weed violation is required by our city ordinance.

Robert Walker Jr. inquired about placing trash receptacles on main street. Council sees no issue with this if they can be tethered down to avoid being blown/knocked over.

Donald Payne reported the dumpster on Montgomery between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> streets needs replaced. Bonnie will contact Republic to get the dumpster switched out.

Sherry Tuggle presented an offer from Elk Falls city council to enter into a joint law enforcement program. No specific details of costs were presented at this time. Council declined to move forward with any law enforcement partnership with Elk Falls at this time.

Bonnie reported she received a call from the owner of the property at 205 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, William Smith. He requested a conference call to discuss the November 14<sup>th</sup> deadline to remove the unsafe structure on said property. Council declined conference call at this time.

**Fire Dept. Report:** Jason Clatt requested that the city follow through with ordinances that pertain to citizens burning. Bonnie explained nothing can be done without a paper trail. Bonnie & Kimber will work on getting the paperwork together for issuing burn permits to citizens.

Kimber presented handouts with information about the drop tanks. Council requested she get price estimates to compare.

Kimber reported that the fire dept computer needs replaced. Council agreed that Kimber get in contact with Leo Noland to see if the school has any extra desk tops available.

**Wtr-Swr-Street Report:** There was discussion about the costs of travel time Foley charges. Council would like Bonnie to make a spreadsheet outlining backhoe maintenance to review. Council requested that Hank park the backhoe in the shop at the end of each day.

An estimate to replace the sewer main in the alley between Douglas & Nemaha was presented. The council declined the estimate and requested that Hank complete the job. If needed, city will hire temporary help to assist Hank in completing the job.

Hank requested September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> off and asked that a list be provided to him for any work needing done to prepare for the Fall Festival.

**CMB License:** J.Clatt made a motion to renew B.K.'s CMB license. M.Ashenfelter seconded. Carried 5-0.

**Dog Catcher:** City dog catcher Nina Teska requested to be allowed to write tickets for dogs running at large and for barking dogs. Council does not approve tickets. Nina may file a formal complaint to be heard in municipal court as a citizen.

**Executive Session:** M.Ashenfelter made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 5-0. Meeting resumed at 8:31p.m. No action taken. M.Ashenfelter made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with Hank Edwards present to discuss non-elected personnel. S.Ferguson seconded. Carried 5-0. Meeting resumed at 8:46p.m. No action taken.

**Other Business:** Discussion was held about the upcoming Fall Festival. J.Walker reported there will be a meeting on Friday September 15 at 7p.m. to go over final details. J.Clatt made a motion that all donations received for the Fall Festival be turned in to Jennifer Walker or at the City Hall. T.McRay seconded. Carried 5-0.

**Meeting Adjourn:** J.Walker made a motion to adjourn. J.Clatt seconded. Carried 5-0.

*Minutes taken by Bonnie Fitzhugh*