

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2020

7:30 p.m.

The Mulvane City Council convened at the City Building at 211 N. Second at 7:30 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Shelly Steadman, who called the meeting to order.

Council Members Present: Nancy Farber Mottola, Kevin Cardwell.
Remote attendance: Brent Allen.

Others Present: Kent Hixson, Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Gordon Fell, Joel Pile, Brad Modlin, J. T. Klaus, Megan Bryant, Cathy Walker, Rachael Blackwell, Fred Heersche, Bill Reekie, Chelsea Gardenhire, Kevin Baker, and other interested citizens.

Note: Remote attendance is due to COVID-19 and social distancing. The council meeting is also being streamed live on the City's Facebook page.

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Steadman.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 5-18-2020 and Special Meeting Minutes Dated 5-22-2020 and 5-27-2020:

MOTION by Mottola second by Cardwell to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 5-18-2020, and Special meeting minutes dated 5-22-2020 and 5-27-2020.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Council advised they had received communication or had conversations with citizens regarding opening the pool.

Review and Closing of the Agenda:

Mayor Steadman added Old Business Item #2 to the agenda to discuss opening the pool.

Appointments, Awards and Citations:

1. Twenty-five Year Service Award: Mayor Steadman presented Bill Reekie with a 25-year service award and thanked him for his service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Orders – City Guidelines Discussion:

The current remaining City of Mulvane COVID-19 restrictions are (1) on the use of the Pix Community Center, and (2) provision of Senior Center services, which restrictions will otherwise lapse following the City Council meeting on June 1, 2020. Phase 3 of the Governor's original Plan to re-open Kansas is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 8, 2020, with mass gatherings being

limited to not more than 45 individuals. The final phase or “Phase Out” is anticipated to occur on June 22, 2020.

Council would prefer to allow the Senior Center Director to determine the best time to open the Senior Center. The Sedgwick County Department on Aging will also be making some recommendations.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell that the Senior Center be allowed to open for such uses and upon such plan for reopening as the Director of the Senior Center shall approve and find appropriate on or after June 8, 2020, using food service industry best practices and complying with the Ad Astra Plan guidelines for distancing and serving food and taking into account the health of volunteers, workers and patrons, unless and until otherwise determined necessary by the City Council.

MOTION approved unanimously.

There was much discussion regarding opening the PIX Community Center. Council discussed the number of uses scheduled per weekend, cleaning the facility and the cost involved, liability, signage, and the difficulty in contact tracing.

MOTION by Allen, second by Mottola that the Pix Community Center be re-opened for user reservations commencing June 8, 2020, with the following temporary additional user restrictions: (1) occupancy shall be limited to 45 persons until on or after July 1, 2020, and (2) reservations shall be limited to one use per day, with all uses being scheduled at least 3 days apart (2 days elapsing between each use) until on or after July 1, 2020. As always, a reservation will not be considered a promise or guarantee of use, in the event additional restrictions are needed in the future.

MOTION approved unanimously.

2. City Swimming Pool – Discussion to open or not to open:

At the last city council meeting it was the consensus of the council to not open the pool this summer to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to maintain a safe environment for patrons and pool staff. Council has received public input on this matter and would like the item readdressed.

Pool Manager, Megan Bryant, reviewed a tentative plan to open the pool. This included alternative hours, reduced capacity of the pool, the ability to clean and disinfect, pre-registration or reservations, PPE, staff availability, lifeguard certification, the treatment of young staff trying to enforce restrictions, CDC recommendations, and financial considerations. The first day the pool could open would be July 13th and close August 8th.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the council to not open the pool.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leo Kiesling – 302 S. Central:

Mr. Kiesling was not present to address his concern with the council.

2. Senior Center – Volunteer Transportation Agreement with Sedgwick County:

Mayor Steadman announced that although she does not participate in providing any Senior Center services, nor is she an employee of the City, she is an employee of the Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center and will abstain from the discussion and voting on the Agreement. Mayor Steadman asked the President of the Council, Nancy Mottola, to present this item.

The Mulvane Senior Center currently utilizes the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Volunteers provide transportation services for seniors 60 years and older. The City of Mulvane originally signed an agreement with the Department of Aging of Sedgwick County in 2015, and has renewed the Agreement each year since, to provide the Senior Center with some reimbursement for volunteer drivers in the Program. The Agreement is once again up for renewal; this time the Agreement is renewable for three (3) years. The Agreement must be renewed to continue to receive reimbursement.

MOTION by Allen, second by Mottola to enter into the Agreement between the City of Mulvane, Kansas and the Department of Aging of Sedgwick County for reimbursing volunteer transportation services pursuant to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and authorize the Mayor to sign.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

None

ENGINEER

1. Project Review and Update:

In the absence of the City Engineer, Kent Hixson, City Administrator, reviewed the project update which included the Sanitary Sewer Study Update, Rock Road Water Line, Flood Mitigation Grant – English Park and Styx Creek Drainage Improvements, Decommissioning the Boxelder Power Plant, E. Mulvane Street Drainage, Sports Complex Maintenance Building and Homestead Phase 2.

Mottola asked about the progress of the Flood Mitigation Grant and would like a followup report.

2021 Annual Budget Presentations:

Presentations were given by: Megan Bryant/Swimming Pool, Gordon Fell/Public Safety, Brad Modlin/Utilities, and Kevin Baker/Public Works.

City Clerk: None

City Administrator: Staff will put signage at the PIX.

City Attorney: None

Consent Agenda Items 1 - 4:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to approve Consent Agenda items 1 – 4.

1. Payroll dated 5-29-2020 (\$212,028.74)
2. City Utility Bills (\$15,664.79)
3. Purchase of Type II Chat for slurry sealing operations from Williams Diversified Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$10,855.12 / Invoice # 87619.
4. Purchase of Type II Chat for slurry sealing from Williams Diversified Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$5608.24 / Invoice # 87644.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Monday, June 15th - next council meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Cardwell second by Allen to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:57 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk