

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 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, Brent Allen.

Others Present: Kent Hixson, Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Joel Pile, J. T. Klaus, Chris Middendorf, Lacie Leatherman, Terry Richardson, Flint McPeak, Eric Gilbert, Stephanie Larkins, Hannah Farber, Brian Meier and Daniel Clement.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 7-06-2020:

MOTION by Cardwell second by Mottola to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 7-06-2020.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Review and Closing of the Agenda: None

Appointments, Awards and Citations: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Closing Request for Car Show in Downtown:

The Mulvane Old Settlers committee voted to cancel the Old Settlers festival this year due to Covid transmission concerns. Normally, this car show would be held as part of the Old Settlers Festival and take place on the St. Michael's parking lot, not on any public street. Chris Middendorf has submitted a street closing request to allow for the car show and asked to be allowed to use the Pix Center during the car show.

Middendorf advised hand sanitizer and masks would be provided. The PIX would be closed to the public and only used by car show staff. Having the car show downtown would also help the local businesses.

(Councilmember Jenean Keck arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

The council had concerns about the ability to enforce social distancing and the requirement to wear a mask. The council was in support of the car show, however, needs to do what is best for the City regarding the street closing request and asked Middendorf if he had checked on other locations. Middendorf was waiting on the outcome of the street closure request before pursuing other options.

There was no motion, therefore this item was not approved.

2. Mulvane Senior Center – Meals on Wheels Program Agreement:

The Mulvane Senior Center provides meals daily, both at the Center and carry-outs for our homebound seniors. The City has always had an agreement to provide a place and equipment to use for the Meals on Wheels program.

The council had questions regarding gathering limits and social distancing.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to approve and enter into a Facility Agreement between the Mulvane Senior Center and Aging Projects, Inc. for the 2020-2021 Meals on Wheels/Friendship Meals program and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute with amendments inserting (*subject to gathering limits, social distancing and health order compliance and compliance with all applicable laws, in Section 1 of page 2*).

MOTION approved unanimously.

3. Wearing A Face Mask – Requirement Discussion:

On July 2, 2020, Governor Kelly issued an Executive Order requiring masks be worn in public, applicable statewide. The Wichita City Council adopted an ordinance requiring the wearing of face masks in the City of Wichita along with associated fines. Sedgwick and Sumner Counties have mask orders in effect that requires masks to be worn in public until 11:59 p.m. on August 9. Masks are currently required in Mulvane by County Order.

Police Captain, Flint McPeak, was present to discuss the face mask requirements with the council. It was his recommendation to take a non-aggressive approach and do more education with the public by handing out masks and recommending compliance.

Council did not feel an ordinance with associated fines would be necessary at this time and liked the idea of educating the public and recommending compliance.

4. Pix Community Center – Use Restrictions Discussion:

The use restrictions policy previously approved, expired on July 1, 2020. Due to an increase of COVID cases, the expired policy needs to be reviewed.

There was much discussion regarding the gathering limit of individuals per County, amount of space available to allow social distancing, the ability to enforce the mask mandate, and who would be responsible to monitor and enforce compliance.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Mottola to continue to reserve the PIX and limit the capacity to be in harmony with the lesser of Sedgwick/Sumner Co Health Order gathering limits to be in compliance and to discourage mass gatherings.

MOTION failed. (Allen and Keck - No)

MOTION by Allen to discontinue use of the PIX until COVID-19 declines and it is safe. It was stated that the City uses the PIX for some events such as Court, Election, and as a COVID testing site. Allen withdrew his motion.

MOTION by Allen, second by Keck to discontinue the use of the PIX for private event holders and allow the City to use as necessary until the COVID numbers dissipates and it can be used safely.

MOTION passed with Mayor Steadman voting Yes. (Cardwell and Mottola - No)

ENGINEER

1. Project Review and Update:

In the absence of the City Engineer, Kent Hixson reviewed the project update with the Council which included: 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 Development.

2. E. Mulvane St. Drainage – Review Demolition and Land Clearance Quote for 660 E. Main St.

The City and School District are jointly engaged in a drainage improvement project commonly known as the East Mulvane Street Drainage Project. The project entails installing storm water pipe and grading a channel between Mulvane Street and Main Street to convey storm water south from school district property to Main St. To grade the channel, the project required the acquisition of the property at 660 E. Main. The house needs to be demolished and the property cleared.

H. Excavating, L.L.C. has provided a quote for \$6,000 to demolish the house and level the site as per the engineer's demolition plan. H. Excavating has demolished structures for the City before. Council would like to see additional bids for this project before making a decision. Joel Pile will contact additional companies to see if they would like to submit a bid.

MULVANE LAND BANK

MOTION by Mottola, second by Keck to recess the City Council meeting and convene as the Mulvane Land Bank Board of Trustees.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Keck to approve the Land Bank Board of Trustees meeting minutes dated 7-06-2020.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Keck to approve the invoice from Nationwide Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,050.00 for insurance for Land Bank property.
MOTION approved unanimously.

Proposal to purchase 201 W. Main – discussion:

Proposal from Eric Gilbert:

Eric & Rebecca Gilbert submitted an offer to purchase 201 W. Main for \$10,000. Eric Gilbert reviewed his plans for the building with the Board and answered questions. He plans to convert the back south of the building into a residential studio apartment, replace the roof, update the HVAC and electrical.

The Board asked about ADA compliance, parking, and plans for the exterior of the building. The Board expressed their concern for the investment that has been made on the building so far and felt the offer was low. The Board was made aware that another offer had been received, and they would like an opportunity to review that offer before making any decision. No action was taken.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Keck to adjourn the meeting of the Mulvane Land Bank Board of Trustees and reconvene at the Mulvane City Council.
MOTION approved unanimously.

City Clerk: Updated pages for the Code Book have been received. Council may drop off their books to receive the updated pages.

City Administrator: Mayor Steadman asked about the camper parked on the South end of the parking at the old EMS building on First St. Mottola would like to know who would be second in charge for each Department.

City Attorney: City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, requested an executive session for matters involving Land Acquisition for the purpose of discussing potential land acquisition for a period, not to exceed 20 minutes, to include, the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and the city engineer from Burns and McDonnell.

MOTION by Keck, second by Cardwell to recess the City Council meeting to an executive session for matters involving Land Acquisition for the purpose of discussing potential land acquisition for a period, not to exceed 20 minutes, to include, the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney and the city engineer from Burns and McDonnell, and to reconvene at approximately 9:35 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously at 9:15 p.m.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to reconvene the City Council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor Steadman advised that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, requested an executive session for matters in the attorney/client relationship to discuss contract negotiations for a period not to exceed 5 minutes to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Keck to recess the City Council meeting for matters in the attorney/client relationship to discuss contract negotiations for a period not to exceed 5 minutes to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney, and to reconvene at approximately 9:45 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to reconvene the City Council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor Steadman advised that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Consent Agenda Items 1 - 5:

MOTION by Mottola second by Cardwell to approve Consent Agenda items 1 – 5.

1. Payroll dated 7-10-2020 (\$205,368.00)
2. Warrant Register (\$727,675.42)
3. Approve the purchase of 30,000 lbs. of ferric chloride for \$6,792.50 and 30,000 lbs. of sodium hydroxide for \$7,152.50 at a total cost of \$13,945.00.
4. Accept the low bid from Stanion Wholesale Electric Company at \$2.71 per foot for primary electric underground wire not to exceed \$30,000. Funds will be dispersed from Utility Acct. #511-10-546.
5. Approve Task Order # 2 as part of the Engineer-Owner Agreement with Burns & McDonnell for professional services for hourly services not exceeding \$25,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Monday, August 3rd - next council meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Allen second by Mottola to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:51 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk