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MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Parker Senior Center
423 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
January 11, 2018

Mayor Wayne Burk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE AND PRAYER: The pledge was given and Cherry Buckley offered the prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE; The Oath of Office was given to Lance Burroughs, Gary Earley and Jerry Summers by Cherry Buckley, City Clerk.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> Wayne Burk, Mayor	Present
Gary Earley, President	Present
Jody Bloodgood, Council Member	Present
Lance Burroughs, Council Member	Present
Ryan Sobba, Council Member	Present
Jerry Summers, Council Member	Present

ROLL CALL: Cherry Buckley, City Clerk, took the Roll. All council members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Mayor asked if council had read the Minutes from the last meeting and the special meeting held in December and if there were any additions or corrections.

Lance Burroughs moved to approve the Minutes from December 14, 2017 and the Special Meeting from December 20, 2018 as written. Ryan Sobba seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation from KWIKOM Internet Service: Mayor Burk stated he had been contacted by a representative from KWIKOM Internet Service about using the cable tower at the compactor site and cable wires running through town to set up an internet service in town. The Mayor said the representative indicated that he would be at this meeting to give a presentation to council but is not present.

Several council members asked questions about the service the company would be providing, but the Mayor said he did not know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adjustment of Water/Sewer Fees: Mayor Burk reported he had run some numbers on the average water and sewer income for the period from 2014 to 2017. He said the average water income for that time was \$66,596 with expenses of \$59,271 giving the City a profit of \$7,225 per year. The Mayor went on to say even though the City currently has \$88,950 in the Water Fund, the system is getting older and will eventually need major work or replacement and if we keep the water fees as they are we could save enough money to make the repairs ourselves or at least minimize the amount of money we would need to borrow.

Mayor Burk stated the Sewer Fund is a different issue. He said the average income from 2014 to 2017 was \$43,582 with expenses of \$14,181 leaving a profit of \$29,401 per year which does not include any of the income from the Special 1% Sales Tax. He said we currently charge \$26.50 per month (which is the national average) for a sewer fee. We were required to charge this rate to receive a Grant for the Sewer Project which has been completed and the Rural Development Loan has been repaid in full. The Mayor said if we lowered the sewer fee by \$10.00 per month the average profit would be \$15,000 a year based on the numbers previously given.

Councilman Lance Burroughs asked why we didn't just give the full \$16.50 sewer fee we had to impose to meet the national average when we were applying for the Sewer Project Grant?

The Mayor answered, although we currently have \$112,542 in the Sewer Fund, we may have to dredge the lagoons and/or replace the motors at the lift station in the next few years and if we maintain the sewer funds available to us we could do the work on a cash basis without the necessity of grants or loans. He said the final decision to adjust the water/sewer fees was up to the council

Ryan Sobba moved to lower the Sewer rate by \$10.00 making the monthly fee \$16.50. Jerry Summers seconded the motion and it carried 4-1 with Lance Burroughs voting against.

Ryan Sobba asked when the rate would go into effect and it was suggested on the February 1, 2018 billing. The Mayor asked if Mr. Sobba would like to amend his motion.

Ryan Sobba moved to amend his motion to lower the Sewer rate by \$10.00 making the monthly fee \$16.50 with a start date of February 1, 2018. Jerry Summers seconded the motion and it carried 4-1 with Lance Burroughs voting against.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Burk stated that council had approved at the December 14th meeting the placement of three signs on City property by the Linn County Library District #1 directing patrons to the Parker location. He said the librarian has now asked, on behalf of the Library District, if the City would install the signs.

Ryan Sobba moved to inform the Linn County Library District #1 that they would have to install the signs themselves. Lance Burroughs seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Attorney, Gary Thompson, was not present.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison, was absent and City Clerk, Cherry Buckley gave her report.

Ryan Sobba moved to pay the January bills as presented. Lance Burroughs seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

City Clerk, Cherry Buckley, apologized for not having any information about the memorial Christmas tree that was to be planted in the Park in memory of Bob Orth. She said she would have information by the February meeting.

Ms. Buckley said she would like to ask council if the time for the Municipal Court could be changed from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. She said the average amount of time needed to hold court was 10 mins. Meaning as Court Clerk, she had to arrive at 5:45 and then sit from 6:10 until council began at 7:00.

Lance Burroughs asked if it would require an ordinance to make the change. Ms. Buckley said she wasn't sure. Mr. Burroughs asked the issue be tabled until the February meeting to find out whether or not an ordinance would be needed.

Police Chief, Leroy McConico, was not present

Maintenance, Chad Page, said there was nothing to report.

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page, reported there was a report of brown water in town that was corrected by flushing the lines in that area. He said only one meter froze and had to be replaced during the most recent cold snap and that he had to do a little work on the floats at the lift station. Mr. Page said all in all things are going well with the Water and Sewer Departments.

Compactor Operator, Myrtle Douglas said she had nothing to report.

The Mayor said he contacted the Linn County and they were going to repair and put up additional lights at the compactor site. Ms. Douglas said that the screen door needed repair also.

Board Representatives:

PWWSD#13 - Representative Chad Page said there was nothing to report

Park Board - Mayor Burk had nothing to report.

At 7:30 p.m. Lance Burroughs moved to adjourn. Ryan Sobba seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Submitted by: Cherry Buckley, City Clerk