

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Parker Senior Center
423 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
July 11, 2024

Mayor Ashley Balthazor called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE AND PRAYER: The pledge was given, and Preston Harrison offered the prayer.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> Ashley Balthazor, Mayor	Present
Jason Webber, President	Present
Ivonne Clark, Council Member	Present
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	Present
Gary Earley, Council Member	Present
Kari Brandt, Council Member	Present

ROLL CALL: Carrie Sewell, City Clerk, took the Roll.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Balthazor asked if the council had read the minutes from June 13, 2024, along with the bills for July 2024. Mayor Balthazor asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Ivonne Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Jason Webber seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Balthazor asked for any additions to the agenda and for approval. No additions to the agenda.

Ivonne Clark moved to approve the agenda. Jason Webber seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Attorney, Geri Hartley, has nothing new to report. There were 3 cases on the court docket.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison, gave the treasurers report. Kathy reported she would be meeting with County Clerk David Lamb on July 16, 2024. Kathy asked the council if the budget was okay or if they planned to exceed revenue neutral. Kathy asked if there are any projects that may occur in 2025.

Jason Webber stated that there has been talk of a dog pound and that the cost for a dog kennel is \$15,000.00.

Kathy stated if they are planning on exceeding the revenue neutral rate there would need to be a motion

Ivonne Clark moved to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Jason Webber seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

City Clerk, Carrie Sewell, read a thank you note from Hope Northern. Clerk Sewell stated that Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for August 12, 2024, and asked for a budget to purchase food items for the event.

Jason Webber moved give a budget of \$350.00 for supplies for Night Out Against Crime. Kandice Higgins seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

Police Chief, Craig Haley, addressed the council regarding the dangerous structure. The representative for the property has been notified and called city hall. Chief Haley stated he will contact the representative and readdress at the next meeting.

Chief Haley also noted to the council that the city was not charged for the new cell phones the police department received from Verizon.

Maintenance, Logan Minden, not present

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page, not present

Compactor Operator, Al Kerr, reported the compactor is running well but elderly women are complaining about the gravel being a hazard to walk on. Can we get some asphalt to fill the holes instead of gravel? Mayor Balthazor stated she would get with the maintenance department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Preston Harrison spoke about the community storm shelter. Mr. Harrison asked if anyone had approached the school. The school is funded by taxpayers. Mayor Balthazor stated she would contact the school district superintendent.

Al Kerr asked about using the old water pump house for a shelter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Balthazor asked for a 10-minute session to discuss non-elected personal.

Ivonne Clark moved to go into executive session at 7:38 to discuss non-elected personal and to return to the regular meeting in the Parker Senior Center at 7:48. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

Jason Webber moved to return to the regular council meeting at 7:48 in the Parker Senior Center with no action being taken. Kandice Higgins seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Install New Playground: Mayor Balthazor asked the council for recommendations on getting the new playground equipment here and set up. Mayor Balthazor said she would reach out to Mike Page.

Dangerous Structure: This was discussed during Chief Haley's report.

Resolutions: Resolution 01-2024 for establishing stop signs at the intersection of East Main Street and Railroad Street. Attorney Hartley stated the resolution looked good but an addition of on East Main needed to be added.

Ivonne Clark moved to approve Resolution 01-2024 with the corrections. Jason Webber seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Resolution 02-2024 for establishing stop signs at the intersections of West Main Street and Walnut Avenue. Attorney Hartley said the resolution is good but add the word "on". It should state east and west on Main Street.

Ivonne Clark moved to approve Resolution 02-2024 with the corrections. Jason Webber seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Jason Webber moved to order 8 stop signs. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Culverts and ditches: Mayor Balthazor reported that the questionnaire was returned by some of the residents. The mayor asked for thoughts on how the council would like to proceed. Jason Webber stated the city should bring in an engineer to look at the ditches in the community. Roger Sims stated the city could contact the city of LaCygne because they used BG consultants for their stormwater issue.

Jason Webber moved to get bids from engineers for stormwater drainage. Kandice Higgins seconded the motion and it carried 4-1 with Gary Early opposing.

Website quote: The council was presented a website quote from Advantage computer totaling \$2732.00. This quote includes website configuration, domain setup, hosting, email accounts and training. Roger Sims with Linn County Journal also submitted a proposal. The proposal stated he would use the current website run through Wix, determine city email accounts, city marketing service, set rate of \$35.00 per hour and training up to 12 hours (\$420.00 or less).

Jason Webber moved to accept the proposal submitted by Linn County Journal. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

At 8:17 p.m. Jason Webber moved to adjourn. Kandice Higgins seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Submitted by: Carrie Sewell, City Clerk