

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

President Jason Webber 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	Absent
Jason Webber, President	Present
Ivonne Clark, Council Member	Present
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	Absent
Gary Earley, Council Member	Present
Kari Brandt, Council Member	Present

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Jason Webber asked if the council had read the minutes from March 14, 2024, and looked over the bills for April 2024. Jason Webber asked if there were any additions or corrections. Kathy Harrison stated the salaries for James Hazelet \$1602.55 and Craig Haley \$1,098.44 need to be included on the bills.

Ivonne Clark moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the salaries to the bills. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Jason Webber asked for any additions to the agenda and for an approval. No additions to the agenda.

Ivonne Clark moved to approve the agenda. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Attorney, Geri Hartley, nothing to report, things are going well.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison, gave the treasurers report. Council member Ivonne Clark asked when to have a budget meeting. Kathy stated that we would need to have a budget meeting at the end of May or beginning of June for the 2025 year.

City Clerk, Carrie Sewell, noted the upcoming city events. April 20th from 9am to noon is the annual city wide clean up. The dumpsters this year will be behind a lock gate. No debris is to be dumped outside of those times. Do not leave items on the ground outside of the fenced area.

May 4 from 9am to noon will be the annual pet clinic. The Osawatomie Pet clinic will be providing the vaccinations. All vaccines will cost \$15.00 each except for feline leukemia and that cost is \$20.00. The cost for dog tags is \$2.00 for spayed and neutered dogs. The cost is \$5.00 for all dogs that are not spayed or neutered.

The annual city/park scholarships will be decided on May 9th. All applications need to be at city hall by April 30th. There will be two \$400.00 scholarships awarded.

Police Chief, Craig Haley, commented he is working with city attorney Hartley on code issues and clean-up is slow, but progress is being made. Chief Haley has addressed four-wheeler issues and these issues have been reduced.

Chief Haley and officer Kiser have designed a patch for the police department. They would like the approval of the council to purchase forty patches for \$200.00 and two T-shirts for \$75.00 each. This helps identify who they are.

Kari Brandt moved to approve the purchase of forty patches and two T-shirts for the police department. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Chief Haley would like the council to consider a dog pound for the city, considering the amount of complaints this is an issue that needs to be addressed. At this moment there is no solution for dogs when caught by the city. Chief Haley suggested the council hold a special meeting to discuss this.

Maintenance, James Hazelet, nothing to report.

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page, not present

Compactor Operator, Al Kerr, nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Al Kerr asked about benches being removed from the lake and brought into the park. Council members do not know what happened to the benches.

Mr. Kerr was given the old train depot, and he is donating it to historical society. Mr. Kerr asked the city if they would be interested in helping to move the old train depot from its current location to a location near the museum. The cost of moving the depot would be \$15,000.00. Council member Clark stated this needs to be discussed at the historical society meeting.

Mr. Kerr asked clerk Sewell, who she spoke to on the park board for scholarship because the Class of 1965 had given money for a concrete slab to be placed at Heritage Park and that has never been done. Clerk Sewell stated she had spoken with Steve Lyman.

John Stahl wanted to compliment the city on the work being done at the lake. He also stated there was an old picnic table that needs to be replaced, it is broken, and needs to be moved before yellow jackets move in.

Gary Earley moved to purchase a concrete picnic table from Diversified Supply not to exceed \$500.00. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

President Webber asked James Hazelet to remove the old table and replace it with the new one.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Drainage: Clerk Sewell stated that at the workshop drainage concerns were discussed regarding the ditches and culverts around town. President Webber said that the ditches and culverts would require a mini hoe or excavator. The city would need to purchase the equipment and it would be costly.

James Hazelet, city maintenance, stated that Chad Page would be willing to help. He also stated there is trash in the culverts plugging them up. This is going to be a process and not fixed overnight.

Kathy Harrison suggested doing it in stages.

Ivonne Clark asked about any grants that may be out there for storm water.

City Attorney Hartley suggested speaking with the county. President Webber stated he would meet with Shaun West for some direction.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conditional Use Permit: Clerk Sewell stated that a codes letter was sent to Mr. Hendrickson. City Attorney Hartley will follow up with Chief Haley on the next steps to take.

RV Park: Clerk Sewell brought to the council minutes from February 14, 2019, to which the city council at the time had voted to establish an RV park at Parker City Lake and to use some of the county infrastructure grant money. Clerk Sewell also had included a bid for the project from 2021.

President Webber suggested that the city seek an updated bid for the electrical and water connections.

Ivonne Clark moved to get bids on electric and water connections for the RV Park at the lake. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Clerk Sewell spoke to the council about security cameras at city hall. President Webber suggested getting with Chief Haley and Officer Kiser on what cameras would work best.

President Webber also spoke about getting sign developed for outside city hall. People don't know where city hall is located.

Clerk Sewell reported that she had spoke with Rita Kerr and the possibility of the United Methodist Church being a shelter for the community in case of a tornado. Mrs. Kerr said she didn't know why the city couldn't and thought it was a good idea but needed to check with the insurance company.

At 7:58 p.m. Ivonne Clark moved to adjourn. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Carrie Sewell, City Clerk