

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Parker Senior Center
423 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
June 13, 2024

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

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

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> Ashley Balthazor, Mayor	Present
Jason Webber, President	Absent
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: Mayor Balthazor asked if the council had read the minutes from May 9, 2024, and Special Meeting from May 30, 2024, along with the bills for June 2024. Mayor Balthazor asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Kari Brandt moved to approve the consent agenda. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

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. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Attorney, Geri Hartley, has nothing new to report. The court docket was light.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison, gave the treasurers report.

City Clerk, Carrie Sewell, reported she had a call from Viola Ralston requesting the city reimburse her for a sewer incident caused by Kwikom on the city side of the sewer line. The cost of the repair was \$165.00.

Gary Earley moved to reimburse Ms. Ralston for \$165.00. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Police Chief, Craig Haley, was not present but Officer Cody Kiser was in attendance to speak. Officer Kiser stated they would like to bring on Charles Stokes for 20 hours per month for daytime hours. Officer Kiser stated he would be willing to give up some of the hours since he had family things that are going to be coming up and he wouldn't be as available. The council discussed adding Mr. Stokes and thought it to be a good idea, especially having him during the daytime. Treasurer Kathy Harrison did ask the council to make a motion to hire Mr. Stokes instead of having him as contract labor.

Ivonne Clark moved to hire Charles Stokes for 20 hours per month at \$18.00 per hour. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Officer Kiser stated he had spoken to council members regarding a license plate reader. He is researching a grant that may be possible to purchase the reader. He will bring it back to the council when he knows more information.

Officer Kiser informed the council that Chief Haley has gotten the department on the S.T.E.P. program. The program allows the department to earn money towards equipment, to do earn the money the police department has to show that they have been contacting the public and noting the hours. This does not mean that tickets must be written.

Officer Kiser would like to get work phones. He stated that they risk losing their personal cell phones because the phones can be subpoenaed. They should not have to use their personal cell phone for work issues. The work phones can have applications that cannot be put on personal phones for example the mobile application for Central Square can only be put on a work phone. Officer Kiser stated that Verizon has a public safety plan where we can get 2 phones for \$360.00 and be charged a monthly fee of \$80.00.

Kari Brandt moved to purchase the plan from Verizon. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Maintenance, Logan Minden, Mayor Balthazor introduced Logan Minden to the council. Logan has been hired to replace James Hazelet. Logan stated that he had nothing at this time to report.

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page, not present

Compactor Operator, Al Kerr, nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Hurlock stated that the alley behind her property could use more rock.

Officer Kiser would like to know the process for placing stop signs. He would like to see a stop sign placed at east main street and railroad, along with stop signs at West main street and walnut. Ivonne Clark noted that there use to be a stop sign on Kimball Street and Railroad that needs replaced.

Ivonne Clark moved to place stop signs on E. Main Street before entering Railroad Street and on W. Main St at Walnut Street. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Balthazor asked for a 10-minute session to discuss legal matters concerning the streets with the city attorney.

Kari Brandt moved to go into executive session at 7:31 to discuss legal matters concerning the streets pursuant of client/attorney privileges and to return to the regular meeting in the Parker Senior Center at 7:41. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Kari Brandt moved to return to the regular council meeting at 7:41 in the Parker Senior Center with no action being taken. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parker Senior Center: Clerk Sewell stated she had received a call from Shawn West from Linn County. The county commissioners would like to know if the city would be interested in the county donating the senior center to the city or if the city would like to get a percentage of the rental fee for cleaning. The council stated they would be interested in the county donating the senior center to the city. Clerk Sewell said she would notify Shawn West.

Website: This is tabled until the July meeting. Roger Sims would like to submit a bid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Culverts and ditches: Mayor Balthazor would like to get a count on the number of culverts that need to be replaced. The council needs to decide who is responsible for paying for the culverts. Mayor Balthazor suggested that a questionnaire be sent out in the monthly water bills regarding the condition of culverts and ditches.

Gary Earley commented on water that is standing on the east side of the railroad tracks. Is this a city issue or a railroad issue?

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Balthazor would like to give Cody Kiser a \$1.00 per hour raise.

Ivonne Clare moved to give Cody Kiser a \$1.00 per hour raise. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Mayor Balthazor stated T.C. Balthazor had a trailer for sale for \$4000.00. It has an 18ft deck with 2ft dove tail fold down ramps and 7000lb axles.

At 8:01 p.m. Kari Brandt moved to adjourn. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Submitted by: Carrie Sewell, City Clerk