

April 12, 2021

Inman City Council met in regular session Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. In attendance were Scott Schriener, Dennis Schroeder, Dave Thiessen by telephone, and Jim Toews, mayor. Don Froese and Mike Gilzinger were absent. A quorum was present. Toews called the meeting to order following the pledge of allegiance. Others in attendance were Rod Boerger, Bobby Herron, Diane Miller, Lucas Sawyer, Jennie and Will Koehn, and Barbara Tuxhorn.

Public Input - 1) Diane Miller advised that the library hired Becki Libhart as an aide. 2) Lucas Sawyer of Inman Community Development Inc. advised that they began meeting again and would like to continue to receive some funding from the city to help existing businesses with financial funding. They meet the second Monday of the month at 7 a.m. at Prairie Bank of KS. Their current bills include office rent at 201 S. Main, phone bill, website hosting, and annual insurance for the board. This costs about \$500 per month. This will be on the agenda in May.

Additions to Agenda – New library board member approval.

Zoning Z-2021-01 – The checklist for consideration of a rezoning amendment was completed. Schroeder motioned to adopt the findings and factors and recommendations of the Planning Commission on Case No. Z-2021-01 by passage of Ordinance No. 568. It changes the zoning district of 205 W. Morgan, owned by Will & Jennie Koehn, from the R-1 Single Family to R-2 Multiple-Family. Thiessen seconded. Passed 3-0.

2020 Audit Report – Jan Nolde, CPA, Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, presented the 2020 audit report by telephone. Thiessen motioned to approve the audit report. Schriener seconded. Passed 3-0.

Minutes-Thiessen motioned to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting. Schroeder seconded. Passed 3-0.

Payment of Bills - Schriener motioned to approve Appropriation Ordinance 2021-03 for Mar. checks 16756 to 16789 and Appropriation Ordinance 2021-04 for Apr. checks 16790 to 16822. Schroeder seconded. Passed 3-0. The governing body received copies of various Mar. cash and budgetary reports and the reconciled bank statement and reconciliation report.

Budgetary Adjustments – Schroeder motioned to approve the adjustments presented. Thiessen seconded. Passed 3-0.

Police – Herron discussed a tree removal case which has not been completed. The property owner asked for an extension which was granted until May 7, 2021. Herron will be absent for the 6/14/2021 meeting. PD will be busy with the 4/24/2021 festival.

Utilities/Streets/Parks – Boerger mentioned a goal to exercise all water valves every 3 years. He awaits water analysis for Well #2 and will do a preview test before it can be brought back online. Much work is being done on alleys and roads and work at the country park. He submitted a proposal for annual slurry sealing, crack sealing, and asphalt milling, totaling \$50,357.40. Due to a shortage in the Special Highway Fund at this time, it will be tabled to May. The water leak at Main and Center has been delayed as Ampride will be without water when the valve is shut to repair the leak. A plan is being made to get an alternate water source for Ampride before the repair begins. It may be another month before it can be repaired.

Zoning – Two zoning permits were issued in March for a total of five year-to-date.

Clerk – No word has been received about the trail grant application. Cities are expected to receive federal stimulus grant money which can be used for water/sewer/broadband projects. There is a state Senate bill pending which would require cities to set aside 25% of those funds to cover the cost of possible claims by businesses whose operation was restricted by cities during the pandemic. Schriener motioned to approve the appointment of Donna Toews to the library board for a term from 4/2021 to 4/2025. She replaced Kelly Turcotte. Land development will be discussed next month.

New Business – The CDBG-CV grant program was reviewed. Diane Miller stated that she is glad the city got the grant for the small businesses. The mayoral and two council positions are up for election in Nov., with the filing deadline of June 1 at noon at the county clerk's office.

Unfinished Business – No action was taken on the mill and dilapidated structures.

Schriener motioned to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Schroeder seconded. Passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building to include a public hearing for the First Impressions program jointly with the Chamber.