

June 14, 2021

Inman City Council met in regular session Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:02 p.m. at the City Hall. In attendance were Don Froese, Scott Schriener, Dennis Schroeder, Dave Thiessen, and Jim Toews, mayor. Mike Gilzinger was absent. A quorum was present. Toews called the meeting to order following the pledge of allegiance. Others in attendance were Rod Boerger, Gabe Ramirez, Samantha Green, Diane Miller, Danny Bartel, Krystan and Justin Friesen, Mark Hunter, and Barbara Tuxhorn. The meeting was broadcast via Facebook.

**Public Input** – 1) Lori Likes and Lori Miller presented an alternate health insurance plan to the city, buying a high-deductible a similar plan to the current one and establish a city bank account to save money for payment of employees' expenses. Employees pay their deductible and co-insurance and then the difference in costs are paid from the savings account. Plans can be customized. Amounts of the claims determine the amount of savings. FCMI's fees are 20% of the savings plus a fee per employee per month. The negative is that there are two cards, with FCMI paying the claims on the city's card.

2) Danny Bartel, trustee of Bethel Mennonite Church, asked if the church could hook up to city water service due to high sulfur content and for fire protection. Schroeder indicated that fire protection would require an 8" water line. The council will take it under advisement.

**Additions to Agenda** None

**Minutes**-Schroeder motioned to approve the minutes of May 10 and June 1, 2021. Thiessen seconded. Passed 5-0.

**Payment of Bills** – After questions were answered, Schriener motioned to approve Appropriation Ordinance 2021-05 for May checks 16872 to 16899 and Appropriation Ordinance 2021-06 for June checks 16900 to 16944. Thiessen seconded. Passed 5-0. The governing body received copies of various May cash and budgetary reports and the reconciled bank statement and reconciliation report.

**Budgetary Adjustments** - Froese motioned to approve the adjustments presented. Schroeder seconded. Passed 5-0.

**Police** – Sgt. Gabe Ramirez discussed a form which may be used for residential block party requests. Council tabled it and will discuss it when Herron returns.

**Utilities/Streets/Parks** –The splash pad re-opened after replacement of the acid pump. Recent water testing was negative for lead and positive for copper in three of twenty samples. This is attributable to copper pipes and taps. He submitted a bid to concrete the hole at Main and Center. The council tabled it until after harvest. The sewer main in blocks 400 through 600 of S. Maple was scoped and cleaned for \$5,300. Additional cleaning will be planned.

**Zoning** – Schroeder motioned to grant a conditional use in Case No. VAC-2021-01 with the Planning Commission's recommendations to allow an 11 feet setback in the 35' building setback along E. Center St. at 102 Buffalo Gr. The conditions are a vision triangle at Center and Bluestem and that the owner will relocate the fence at their own expense if requested by a utility company. Schriener seconded. Passed 5-0. Two permits were issued in May for a total of eight for the year.

**Clerk** –The trail grant application was denied. Schriener motioned to allow KS Emergency Rent Assistance Program applicants a 30-day extension on water shut-offs. Schroeder seconded. Passed 5-0. Consensus of the council to 1) plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2022 budget, 2) budget \$7,500 for the museum, 3) budget \$10,000 for economic development in the General Fund, using a maximum of \$1,000 to match the Chamber's beautification grants, 4) discontinue the wage matrix, 5) not pursue new signs along K-61 Highway currently, and 6) approve implementation of the new website. Schriener motioned to approve creation of the ARPA Grant Fund. Thiessen seconded. Passed 5-0.

**New Business** – Budget changes were addressed in the clerk's report.

**Unfinished Business** – No action was taken on the Inman Community Development funding, mill and dilapidated structures, and city land development. Chamber grants funding was addressed in the clerk's report.

Thiessen motioned to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Schroeder seconded. Passed 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be July 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

*James E. Toews*  
Mayor

*Barbara Tuxhorn*  
City Clerk