

July 12, 2021

Inman City Council met in regular session Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. In attendance were Don Froese, Mike Gilzinger, Scott Schriener, Dennis Schroeder, Dave Thiessen, and Jim Toews, mayor. A quorum was present. Toews called the meeting to order following the pledge of allegiance. Others in attendance were Rod Boerger; Samantha Green; Diane Miller; Katy, Nick, Coleson, and Nathan Reinecker; Angie Howell; Steve Carty; and Barbara Tuxhorn. The meeting was broadcast via Facebook. Jan Nolde arrived at 7:23 p.m. Bobby Herron arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Additions to Agenda – Hiring of a deputy clerk was added under agenda item IX C.

Public Input – 1) Nick Reinecker asked that stop signs be erected on Locust St. at Delaware and Gordon as he was almost hit by a car three times. The request will be passed on to the police.

Minutes-Thiessen motioned to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021. Froese seconded. Passed 5-0.

Payment of Bills – After questions were answered, Schriener motioned to approve Appropriation Ordinance 2021-06 for June checks 16945 to 16965 and Appropriation Ordinance 2021-07 for July checks 16966 to 16991. Schroeder seconded. Passed 5-0. The governing body received copies of various June cash and budgetary reports and the reconciled bank statement and reconciliation report.

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

Utilities/Streets/Parks –Thiessen motioned to contract with Mayer Specialty Services to inspect and clean sewer lines at four more locations for \$7,549.40. Schroeder seconded. Passed 5-0. Locations are: 1) East side of S. Main from Center to Morgan, 2) East side S. Main from 100 block east to Maple, 3) East side of S. Locust from Gordon to Morgan, 4) West side of S. Pine from Center to Morgan, and 5) West side of N. Pine from Center to Trenton. More extensive root cleaning may be needed in places which will be done also. Discussed year-to-date water usage, which is now at 34% of the annual 82,860,000 gallons allotted by the state. The daily water usage exceeded the maximum limit one day and was close on a few other days. The public was asked to reduce lawn irrigation via social media and the hours of the splash pad were reduced for a few days. The chlorination of the splash pad water is checked daily to monitor bacteria. Signage may be added regarding avoiding feces contamination. The Dept. Wildlife, Parks & Tourism report on the country park pond was discussed.

Proposed 2022 Budget - After discussion and questions were answered, Schriener motioned to approve publication of the Notice of Rate and Budget Hearing for the 2022 budget, keeping the mill levy at 70.509. Thiessen seconded. Passed 5-0. Schriener motioned to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate by setting the mill levy at 70.509 and holding a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing on September 13, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at the City Hall., followed immediately by the 2022 Budget Hearing. Gilzinger seconded. Passed 5-0.

Police – Gilzinger motioned to recess into executive session at 8:03 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss an employee matter pursuant to nonelected personnel exemption, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Froese seconded. Passed 5-0. The open meeting resumed at 8:18 p.m. with no action taken. Block party requests will be discussed again with some type of permitting recommended.

Zoning – Thiessen motioned to approve Ord. 570, temporarily vacating part of the right-of-way on E. Center St. from Case No. SU-2019-02. Schriener seconded. Passed 5-0. A right-of-way vacation granted by the council on 3/8/2021 should have been referred to the Planning Commission. At the advice of legal counsel, Froese motioned to set aside the vote of 3/8/2021 and refer the issue to the Planning Commission. Schriener seconded. Passed 5-0. Four permits were issued in June for a total of twelve for the year.

Clerk –Froese motioned to approve hiring a deputy clerk at \$15-\$17 per hour depending on experience with a \$.50 per hour raise after six months and a \$.50 per hour raise after one year. Thiessen seconded. Passed 5-0. We received the ARPA grant. Discussed using it to replace fire hydrants and water and sewer lines and clean and paint the south water tower.

Unfinished Business – Boerger has some ideas for Bethel Church to possibly fix their water well. He will try to contact Danny Bartel again.

Thiessen motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Schroeder seconded. Passed 5-0. The next regular meeting will be August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

James E. Toews
Mayor

Barbara Tuxhorn
City Clerk