City of The Highlands, Kansas

COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

August 8th, 2019, 6:00 PM Held at Nickerson City Offices, Nickerson, Ks.

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CALL TO ORDER: Council President Butch Neels called the meeting to order on August 8th at 6:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL: Ken Nuss, Bonnie Teel, Mark Kerschen, Butch Neel, Dwight Gehring (Mo Penny absent)
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG: Led by Butch Neel
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the 07/25/2019 meeting. Ken Nuss motion to approve. Dwight Gehring second. Passed 5-0
4. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

* Harley Teel requested permit to repair patio pergola/deck by replacing rotted wood. Mark Kerschen motion to approve. Ken Nuss second. Passed 4 - 0 , 1 abstain (Bonnie Teel recused)
* Christopher Swartz (not present) request for permit to clear vegetation from lot on Paganica Pass. There is currently no provision to level a lot without a building proposal. City Clerk was asked to compose a special permit for such purpose. Tabled until next meeting.

1. REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS AND INVOICES:
   * + Invoice Innovative Graphics for "City Election Notification" sign for $105.00 Bonnie Teel motion to approve and pay as invoiced. Ken Nuss second. Passed 5-0
     + Invoice from Waynes Printing sent to CrazyHorse Golf Club. Amount of $147 was reimbursed to Mo Penny. Tabled for more information.

1. BUSINESS:
   1. Report on ad valorem tax referendum – no official results from Reno County but unofficial count is 90 in favor 42 opposed. No action taken.
   2. Report on road repairs – tabled until Mayor Penny is able to update.
   3. Nuisance Ordinance – Ken Nuss gave update and requested feedback from council. Continuing composition. No action taken.
   4. Mowing ordinance and fee – need ordinance to address the criteria and set fee. City Clerk to check on ordinance for Hutchinson for example. No action Taken.
   5. Resolution to set BZA application fee – proposed resolution 2019-0025 to set fee for BZA fee of $150.00. Dwight Gehring motion to approve the resolution. Bonnie Teel second. Passed 5-0
   6. One Call Now was not set up for a trial due to very low maximum contacts allowed. Will set up full package with 1000 credits (notifications). Donation to be made to city for setup. No action taken
   7. 2020 budget plan discussed. Everything is ready to go pending the outcome of the August 6th vote. A final council approval vote, publication and hearing is required before the budget can be submitted to the Reno County Clerks office. No action taken.
   8. Butch Neel and Bonnie Teel reported on July 30th meeting with Jason Hartman, KFS. A grant proposal to provide some help to mitigate wildfire threats will be submitted by the Fire Districts and by KFS. Grant would include Spyglass area east of K61 as well as The Highlands. No action taken.

* 1. Donna Patton requested help in finding an alternative to lot consolidation re-plat mapping. There is a concern about the drain on resource for their office and want to have a joint meeting with Reno County and The Highlands represented. The council will be looking an experienced real estate attorney and research some options. Tabled until next meeting.
  2. Report on first BZA hearing being scheduled, published and the plan for location and process. No action at this time.
  3. City Attorney needs to be replaced and the Council was asked to research and suggest prospects with municipal law experience. Tabled until next meeting.

* 1. ADJOURNMENT:

Ken Nuss motion to adjourn. Mark Kerschen second. Passed 5-0