

Council Meeting 03/03/2025

Minutes taken by Emily Bessette, City Clerk

Meeting

Time: 7:00 PM

Presiding Officer: Mayor Anthony DaPrato

Council Present: Kevin Seals, Cheryl Lister, Ronnie Moeller, Chad Moore

Absent: Kaitlyn Ball

Attorney Tom Barnes

Employees: Dustin Bretsnyder, Emily Bessette, Shannon Seals

Visitors: Per Registry

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato.

Reading of Minutes

Motion by K. Seals to approve meeting minutes from February 3rd, 2025, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to approve special meeting minutes from February 25rd, 2025, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Tyler Shreve International Track

Tyler is asking for a sponsorship to participate in an International Track Meet. She will be the first person from Santa Fe Trail to participate. She leaves July 5th. Motion by Moore to sponsor Shreve in the amount of \$500, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

Hope Against Hunger

Hope against hunger would like to hold a fundraiser, Summer Fest, at the north end of the park. They will have a couple bounce houses and vendors. It will be June 21st from 2pm to 6pm. They would like to reserve it from noon to 8pm for setup and take down. It will be small with just 1 or 2 bounce houses plus the vendors. Consensus that Hope Against Hunger may use the park for their event.

Zoning

Michael Wegley has some revisions to his sign permit. He would like to put it on a pole above the roof due to other building being taller than his. A three-inch pole will sit about 18 inches in front of his building in the grass area. The pole will be three inches in diameter. Current regulations state it cannot be above the roofline. Motion by K. Seals to approve the changes to Wegz sign permit, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

529 Melody Ct would like to put up a six-foot privacy fence. Motion by K. Seals to approve Maldonado's fence permit, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

301 Clay would like to put up a chain-link/wood fence and a shed. Motion by K. Seals to allow Rawlinson to put up a fence and shed, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Wingert Signs were present. They would like to put a billboard up. County has a 30-foot regulation, K-Dot does not have regulations on height. The property is zoned commercial. Motion by K. Seals to allow Winger Signs to put a billboard up at Parcel ID 0700241902002005070 in the Hinck Commercial addition Lot 6-B, Acres 0.92, Lot with: 151.5, Lot Depth: 200.0-IRR, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Mercury Fiber Internet would like to come to town. The project would take less than six months to complete. It is below ground. They would start in April or May. They will be at the next meeting.

Dillon Flemming would like to get a program that tracks zoning permits where notes can be made. It also includes a portal where applications can be filed online. It is browser based and can be used for code as well. He is going to do some more research on programs.

Park

Dog Park grand opening will be March 8, 2025, and pup cups will be given out. Wegz, LLC donated whip cream.

Walking path and lighting. The council is okay with Joshua Fisher designing the plan with no engineer and current plans are to be used. Questions on who will do the installation.

GAS needs approval to apply for a CDBG grant. Jared was present to discuss the grant. There is also a Jones Foundation grant and Brett was present to discuss it.

Motion by K. Seals to pay BG Consultants for primary engineering report for the park in the amount of \$7,500 from the improvement reserve account, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to pay GAS/Westen Consultants for low to moderate income survey in the amount of \$17,400 from the improvement reserve account, 2nd by Moore, motion carried.

Motion by K. Seals to pay GAS/Westen Consultants for consulting for block grant in the amount of \$8,950 from the improvement reserve account, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

Starlink

The water plant needs new internet. The council would like to check with Starlink for a lower price.

Library

The library is getting 15-20 kids after school and 25 kids for tween time.

The library has saved community members around \$19,4540 by checking items out rather than citizens having to purchase them.

Snow removal at the library. Maintenance may clear the top and bottom parking of the library after all roads are clear. Roads are to be the main focus.

Maintenance

Maintenance got new snowplows installed and put the sander on the dump truck. The Diesel, blue truck, needs a new water pump.

Culvert on West North needs replaced costing \$6,000. Motion by K. Seals to replace culvert and bridge work not to exceed \$6,000, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Bretsnyder is getting pricing on street project for gutters.

The water plant is doing good. Josh and Jon will be going to the water conference for certification testing.

Discussion on DaPrato property on Topeka Ave. He wants to develop property. Defined easements will need to be checked to the manhole and review easement of record. Project could be a cost share.

Executive Session

Motion by K. Seals to go into executive session for nonelective personnel at 20:58 with council, attorney, chief, clerk and interviewers to return to the council room at 21:13.

The council was in executive session for 15 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by Moore to hire Joshua Fisher for Code Compliance Officer at \$18.00 a hour up to thirty hours per week, 2nd by Moeller. Fisher accepted the offer.

Zoning administrator payment options were discussed. The subject was tabled with no action taken.

Police

Officer Rogers has started and is doing well.

Consensus to allow officer Schultz to take her cruiser home.

The Chiefs car had to be towed to Carbondale Tire and Auto. It possibly has a bad water pump.

Codification

The City Clerk needed a motion to hire a company for codification. Motion by K. Seals to hire Ranson Financial Group LLC, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Renting City Hall

The City Clerk notified the council that two of the last three rentals resulted in items stolen from City Hall. The City replaced the employees items stolen from the kitchen refrigerator. The kitchen is a shared break room for staff and renters. Other items stolen were from a shared weekend between two renters. Discussion on only allowing one renter per weekend. Lister wants to continue renting City Hall since the kitchen was remodeled to accommodate renters. The Elm building and library is also available to rent.

Extension Request

Office staff have approved all extension requests since the previous council meeting was canceled. Discussion on Nicole Davis's extension request being so far out.

Notes and FYI

The spreadsheet for council member contact information needs to be updated.

Bills

Motion by K. Seals that the council looked at the City's bills, 2nd by Moeller, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by K. Seals, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried at 9:49pm.