

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**October 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:01 PM**

Mayor McMillen called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Ann Bush, Brian Duryea, Billy Hemmy,

Council Absent: Colten Kohman

Staff Present: Dan Britt, Aaron Martin, Tammy Shank

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker,  
Dan Winingham, Undersheriff Jeff Vaughn, Priscilla Abel,  
Brandy Gray

**2. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

a. The September Activity Log was reviewed. There were 234 hours and 82 calls in Solomon for the month including: 31 traffic stops, 1 damage to property, 7 suspicious activity reports, 7 speak with officer, 1 theft, 1 civil matter, 3 court order violation, 2 noise, 2 park check, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 open doors, 12 VIN inspection, 1 welfare check, 1 motorist assist, 2 arrest, 1 burglary, 1 drugs, 2 alarm, 1 unknown problem, 1 business check, 1 escort, 2 domestic disturbance

b. Undersheriff Vaughn presented the proposal for a ¼ cent sales tax for 5 years to fund public safety projects for Dickinson County. The estimated cost for this project is 2.8 million dollars and the priorities are: 800 radio communications systems, all hazardous response trucks, tools, and equipment. Come out and vote on November 7, 2023.

Sheriff Davis and Undersheriff Vaughn departed the meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Priscilla Abel was present at the meeting to discuss the Special Event Permit Application. She would like to have a Birch Street Halloween Block Party on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Set up would be at 3:00 pm and tear down at 11:00 pm. Motion by Bush to approve the Special Event Permit Application, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

Abel departed the meeting.

b. Motion by Hemmy to approve Resolution No. 2023-03 declaring that the property located at 517 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Solomon, Ks is in violation of City of Solomon code section 8-303 pertaining to inoperable vehicle nuisances and authorizing abatement of the nuisances, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

c. There was discussion regarding propane tanks in city limits and what sizes are allowed. The language isn't clear in the city code. The council decided to table item to the November council meeting and would like the city clerk to get more information from other cities on what their code states.

- d. Information regarding Septic tanks in city limits was discussed because of a conflict between various codes. Dan Winingham will present this at the October 17, 2023, Planning & Zoning meeting with the recommendation from city council to amend Planning & Zoning code.
- e. The November council meeting is scheduled for November 6th, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Planning & Zoning – Dan Winingham
  - Winingham talked about duplexes being allowed in the Roelofsen addition.
  - Discussion was held regarding opening the dead-end street on north Walnut. It would allow the passage of people, golf carts, bicycles to take this route and not have to use Poplar Street, which is so busy, to get to Dollar General. Several concerns were addressed, as well as an engineer would need to be hired.
  - Winingham said progress is being made on code compliance at: 200 E. 1<sup>st</sup>, 212 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, 208 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, 109 S. Willow and the 300 Block of E. Main.
- b. Fire Department:
  - The new fire struck by Watts Manufacturing LLC has been ordered and Brian Hedgespeth is sending a contract to sign.
  - Truck 611 is still waiting on the rear light bar to be completed. The manufacturer still has not shipped it.
  - The department is gearing up for fire prevention week in the next two weeks. Thursday, October 12, (All Day) we will be at the grade school and the early learning center. Thursday and Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be at the community preschool. On October 21, we will be doing a live burn at our burn trailer.
  - The department responded to 15 calls in September:
    - In the city: 8 medical calls, 1 fire
    - In the county: 4 medical calls, 1 fire
    - Out of district: 1 hay bale fire
- c. Maintenance Department:
  - Britt stated that two employees need CDL's as they drive various trucks and haul to various locations. A five-day training program is available at \$1,259 each. It was decided to have our city attorney prepare a 1-year contract to sign if employment terminates within the year with the fee be prorated and paid back to the city. Employees are responsible for learner's permit. Also, this language needs to be added to the employee manual. Motion by Bush to pay the fee of \$1,259 CDL Class B licenses for Bledsoe & Robinson, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
  - Britt discussed the bridges in the city and repairs that need to be made.
  - Exercising water valves has been completed and city staff is currently working on pothole patching and preparing for city wide clean up.

**5. STAFF REPORTS – continued**

- d. City Clerk – No report

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen request, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- a. Approval of minutes dated September 11, 2023
- b. Check detail
- c. Fund Balance
- d. Renewal of General Contractor License for: 3C Fence
- e. Renewal of Cereal Malt Beverage License for: Bush’s Market, Inc.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Hemmy, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.  
Motion carried.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Limited to one (1) non-agenda item for 3 minutes in length per person.  
Comments are not a discussion or question/answer session.  
None

**9. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm by Kirby, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.  
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Hunter McMillen  
Mayor

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Tammy Shank  
City Clerk