

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
January 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:02 PM

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

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin

Others Present: Sheriff Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Brock Abbey

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Quotes were obtained for replacement windows at City Hall. They are 29 years old and have developed air leaks. The wood sashes are starting to rot.

Pella Windows \$7,414

Glass Services 5,622

Midwest Siding 5,205

Motion by Hemmy to approve \$5,205 by Midwest Siding, price includes replacing woodwork on inside of windows, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- b. The bucket truck that DSO Electric is decommissioning is too large for city use. The smaller truck that fits our needs won't be available until February 2024. The current truck is still usable, so we will wait a year until the DSO Electric truck is available to look at.

3. LAW ENFORCEMENT

- a. The December Activity Log was reviewed. There were 280.5 hours and 54 calls in Solomon for the month including 22 traffic stops, 2 traffic accidents, 1 traffic complaint, 1 suspicious activity report, 1 burglary, 1 theft, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 harassment, 1 damage to property, 1 threat, 2 speak with officer, 2 civil matters, 1 hangup, 5 juvenile complaints, 3 welfare checks, 1 business check, 2 animal complaints, 2 noise complaints and 3 VIN inspections.

- b. The 2023 contract for law enforcement service between the city and the county was discussed. The worksheet detailed the expenditures to determine the contract cost. The 200 hour per month contract will increase \$11,785.56 per year (\$982.13 per month). Motion by Hemmy to approve 200 hour per month contract at \$125,376.72 per year, seconded by Bush, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Mayor is appointing Brock Abbey as municipal prosecutor. His resume and contract are included in your packets. Motion by Kirby to appoint Brock Abbey as prosecutor, seconded by Hemmy, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- b. The IRS 2023 standard mileage rates for business miles driven is 65.5 cents. Motion to approve new rate by Kirby, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- c. Announced the city will be closed January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr Day.

- d. The February council meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Fire Department:

- Grant Township fire department purchased the slide in pump and tank from Truck #611 for \$4,000.
- The fill station for Truck #611 retrofit will ship in 5 weeks. The bed rebuild will be started before March 1st.
- Truck #612 replacement search hasn't found any used trucks. A new truck has a two year waiting time once it's ordered. Vendors won't commit to a chassis quote because the prices are so volatile right now. The department wants a wildland interface engine (multi-purpose), 4 wheel drive, 1000 gallon water tank, and be able to work a structure fire, wildland fire and be a tanker if needed to shuttle water.
- Santa Day was December 10th. There were 75 kids that attended. The Solomon Wranglers 4-H Club helped kids make a craft.
- Eric Wilson was terminated December 1st. He has turned his equipment in.
- There was a total of 133 calls in 2022: 24 fire; 84 medical; 3 carbon monoxide; 2 weather; 11 false alarms; 9 other.
- The department responded to 6 calls in December:
In the city: 3 medical calls, 1 public service
In the county: 2 vehicle accident, 1 carbon monoxide call

b. Maintenance Department:

- The crew has been working on maintaining city equipment.
- There were two ice storms in December and we used two dump trucks of sand/salt. A normal winter we only use one dump truck full. We will need to restock.
- The cold snap over Christmas didn't result in any calls of residential frozen water lines. There was a call on December 26th about low water pressure. Upon investigation, it was determined the school had a water line to the bus barn freeze, then a 3" water line burst inside the school and flooded portions of the building and the football field line burst.
- The lift station has been having problems. The electrical components needs to be upgraded. The lift station is 23 years old. We need to think about replacing it. Estimated cost is \$60,000.
- Potholes are being patched when weather is warm enough.
- Don should be returning to work the first week of February.

c. City Clerk:

- Staff have been working on end-of-year reports and recordkeeping.
- The Clerk has notified the county clerk of city positions up for election in 2023. The Mayor position (McMillen) and two council positions (Bush and Hemmy) will on the ballot. Filing deadline is June 1st at Noon.

7. 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 December 6, 2022
- b. Check detail
- c. Fund Balance
- d. Renewal of General Contractor License for: McCownGordon Construction; Boyd Excavating Inc; Clark Excavations; Home Resort;
Smith Construction Co Inc; Midwest Siding Inc; Wildcat Services Inc; Rutz Construction
- e. Renewal of HVAC License for: Pestinger Heating & Air Cond Inc; Doug's Heating & Air Inc; Wuthnow Heating& Air LLC
Comfort Heating & Air LLC; Callabresi Heating & Cooling; Smith Heating & Air
- f.. Renewal of Plumbing License for: Superior Plumbing & Heating; Systems 4 Inc; Four Seasons Inc; Freedom Drains LLC;
City Plumbing Co Inc; Terry Smith Plumbing Inc; Brian's Plumbing Inc; Modern Plumbing; Denny's Plumbing
- g. Renewal of Electrical License for: Bruhl Electric; Precision Electrical Contractors; S&K Electric Inc; Linder Electric;
Will Electric Inc; J and A Electric Inc; Frontier Electric LLC; Koffman Electric; Cassel Electric
- h. Renewal of Roofing License for: Eaton Roofing & Exteriors Inc; McGee Roofing LLC

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Bush, seconded by Duryea, 5 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 6:40 pm by Hemmy, seconded by Kohman, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Hunter McMillen
Mayor

Dana Eye, CMC
City Clerk