

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:00 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, Elizabeth Weese, Dennis Weese,
Mike Richards, Jessi Divilbiss, Denise Edwards, Dave Hasker

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT

The January Activity Log was reviewed. There were 210 hours and 42 calls in Solomon for the month including 22 traffic stops, 2 traffic complaints, 1 motorist assist, 4 suspicious activity reports, 1 theft, 1 harassment, 1 speak with officer, 3 juvenile complaints, 1 welfare check, 1 citizen check and 5 VIN inspections.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Elizabeth Weese with Community Foundation of Dickinson County was approached by Brandy Gray and Natalie Wood to set up an Endowed Fund of \$5,000 and an Unendowed Fund of \$5,250 to connect donors with charitable giving to benefit the Solomon community. The Endowed fund can be grown by people wanting to give for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, etc. A committee will decide on how the funds are distributed. The Donate Dickinson County Day is March 17th. The Foundation will match Endowed donations up to \$5,000. A flyer will be mailed with the utility billing.

Elizabeth Weese, Dennis Weese, Mike Richards, Jessi Divilbiss and Denise Edwards departed the meeting.

- b. The Professional Service Agreement between the City of Solomon and North Central Regional Planning Commission to provide the City with assistance with USDA Rural Development services on upcoming water distribution improvements project was reviewed. Motion by Bush to approve Agreement in the amount of \$9,500, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- c. Motion by Bush to designate the Solomon State Bank as the official bank and Abilene Reflector-Chronicle as the official newspaper, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- d. The 2023 Mayor Staff Appointments are as follows:

City Attorney	Aaron Martin
City Clerk	Dana Eye
City Treasurer	Tammy Shank
Director of Public Works	Dan Britt
Building Inspector	David Hasker
Municipal Judge	John Barker
Chief of Police	Jerry Davis
Asst Police Chief	Jeff Vaughan
Police Officers	Dickinson County Sheriff Deputies

4. NEW BUSINESS - continued

d. The 2023 Fire Department Appointments are as follows:

Fire Chief	Randy Paden
Assistant Fire Chief	Chris Ade
Captains	Brian Duryea, Mike Robinson, Billy Hemmy
Training Officer	Westley Wilson
Treasurer	Sandy Stephens
Secretary	Billy Hemmy

Fireman's Relief Association:

President	Randy Paden
Vice-President	Chris Ade
Secretary/Treasurer	Sandy Stephens
Board of Directors	Billy Hemmy, Marc Stephens, Westley Wilson

Motion by Hemmy to accept appointments as presented, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- e. Motion by Hemmy to appoint Colten Kohman as Council President, seconded by Bush, 4 Yeas, 1 Nays. Motion carried.
- f. Motion by Hemmy to reappoint Dennis Minneman to a 4-year term on the Solomon Housing Authority board (expiring February 2027), seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- g. Announced the city will be closed February 20th for President's Day.
- h. The March council meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Building Inspector:

- Dave has been inspecting the new school remodel.
- Framing has been completed on the new house at 4th and Willow.
- There is an inoperable vehicle on west 6th Street we are working on getting into compliance with city code.

b. Fire Department:

- The Chief will be posting Truck #612 for sale on Purple Wave Auctions. Dan Britt will be the contact person.
- Council agreed to move forward on getting bid specs together for a new fire truck. Estimated cost is \$300,000 for wildland interface multipurpose engine, 4 wheel drive, 1500 gallon water tank, be able to work structure fires and wildland fires and a tanker to shuttle water.
- The department responded to 5 calls in January:
In the city: 4 medical calls
In the county: 1 fire call

5. STAFF REPORTS - continued

c. Maintenance Department:

- All routine maintenance has been completed on fire trucks. The quick attack required new tires.
- The new storm siren will be installed this month. An upgrade from two-tone to digitalized will be done at no additional cost. Council agreed to discontinue the noon whistle since everything will be radio controlled.
- The federal government changed the requirements for receiving a commercial driver's license. A requirement to complete a CDL driver's education course has been added. Kansas Municipal Utilities provides a new entry-level driver training course. Dan will take this class to become a trainer for the two new employees. This is a much cheaper option than sending each employee off-site for training.
- Kenworth did a DOT inspection on the 1987 dump truck. It failed. There are several problems and parts are not available. The dump truck will need to be replaced.
- The air-vacuum excavation system trailer will be ready by the end of the week.
- The new door for the maintenance shop will be installed the end of February. The shop has been rearranged to accommodate the door.
- There was a water main break on North Oak Street.
- The curb needs to be replaced on the west end of the park on Walnut Street. Dan will obtain quotes for this.

d. City Clerk:

- There have been personnel changes this past year. We have a new auditor, city attorney, city prosecutor and building inspector. All of them are working out very well for the city.
- The revised floodplain maps should go into effect in May or June 2023. The public notice for a 90-day comment period was published February 9th. This has been ongoing since 2019.
- Dickinson County Economic Development has asked the city to nominate a representative to serve on their board of directors. This is a two year term. Submit nominees to the clerk.

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 January 9, 2023
- b. Check detail
- c. Treasurer Report
- d. Renewal of HVAC License for: Waddle's Htg & Cooling

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Bush, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

7. 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

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bush moves the city council recess into executive session for 25 minutes to discuss individual city employees' wages for 2023, based upon the need to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The meeting will resume in this room at 7:20 pm, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Aaron Martin, Randy Paden, Chris Ade and Dave Hasker departed the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Dana Eye departed the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Dan Britt departed the meeting at 7:08 pm.

In open session, the following wages were acted upon:

Boyer, Britt, Eye, Glavin, Shank: 4% increase

Bledsoe: \$1.00 per hour increase

Building Inspector: \$50.00 monthly stipend increase

Motion to approve above wage increases by Duryea, seconded by Kirby, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm by Hemmy, seconded by Kohman, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Hunter McMillen
Mayor

Dana Eye, CMC
City Clerk