

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
March 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, Brian Duryea, Billy Hemmy, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: Ann Bush

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin

Others Present: Sheriff Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker, Lynn Teeters,
Doug Smart

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT

The February Activity Log was reviewed. There were 221.5 hours and 55 calls in Solomon for the month including 36 traffic stops, 2 traffic complaints, 1 abandoned vehicle, 2 suspicious activity reports, 1 harassment, 1 speak with officer, 1 arrest, 1 suicide/psychiatric emergency, 2 outside agency assists, 2 damage to property, 1 tavern check, 1 lost/found property, 1 open door, 2 alarms and 1 VIN inspection.

Sheriff Davis departed the meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Doug Smart with Smart Insurance reviewed the city's insurance policies. The city carries general liability, linebacker coverage, crime policy, inland marine, automobiles, fire trucks (replacement cost), building (replacement cost) workers compensation and \$1 million umbrella coverage. The rate increased \$12,000 from last year.

Doug Smart departed the meeting.

- b. Spark's Fireworks located at 301 E 4th made application for retail sales of fireworks. Fireworks can be sold June 27th through July 4th. Motion by Hemmy to approve application for the sale of fireworks upon receipt of valid insurance, and application is contingent upon passing final inspection by the Fire Chief, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- c. The April council meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Senior Center: No report.

- b. Library:

- The new front door has been installed. The concrete block door frame will need minor repairs and the paint touched up. The door was paid entirely with grant monies.
- The summer reading program is entitled All Together Now.
- The library is looking for a part-time employee to work during the summer.

5. STAFF REPORTS - continued

c. Fire Department:

- Gabrielle Jewell has resigned from the fire department effective March 1st. She is moving from this area.
- On April 3rd, Watts Manufacturing will start bed modifications and new equipment installation on Truck #611.
- The department responded to 8 calls in February:
In the city: 2 medical calls; 1 gas leak
In the county: 3 medical calls; 2 fire calls

d. Maintenance Department:

- The new storm siren has been installed at the community garden park. It is 10 ft taller than the old one and much louder.
- The vacuum trailer has been completed and financing taken care of.
- On May 11th, Dan will take the CDL instructor class at Kansas Municipal Utilities in McPherson. On June 20th, Chris and Dalton will take CDL theory class at KMU.
- Dan has tried to find a used dump truck but hasn't found anything feasible. Rental fees are \$17,600 for 2 months.
- CES Engineering has submitted the Preliminary Engineering Report for the water utility system improvement project to KDHE for approval.
- Fire Truck #612 will be listed for sale on Purple Wave. Dan would like to add a few surplus items to Purple Wave. Motion by Kirby to declare as surplus property: weight bench, front bumper from F350 fire truck, upright air compressor, Craftsman edger, SafetyKleen solvent tank, two Stihl weed eaters, Lincoln DC welder, fire extinguisher cart and authorize selling on Purple Wave, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Don and Dan will attend Kansas Rural Water Association conference on March 28th and 29th in Wichita.

e. City Clerk:

- First Bank Kansas prepared a resolution authorizing a municipal lease for the vacuum trailer system. The terms are 39 months with payments in the amount of \$14,957.91 annually. Motion by Kirby to adopt resolution as presented, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- A business class all-in-one router with battery backup is required to provide more security for our network. Motion by Kirby to approve \$2,429.96 expenditure to New Century Computer Services LLC for the router, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Tammy will be attending the City Clerk Municipal Finance Officer annual conference in Manhattan on March 22 – 24.

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 February 6, 2023
- b. Check detail
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. Issue HVAC License for: KVK, Inc
- e. Issue Plumbing License for: Barbee's Plumbing

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Duryea, seconded by Hemmy, 4 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. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm by Hemmy, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Hunter McMillen
Mayor

Dana Eye, CMC
City Clerk