

To: City Commissioners
From: Cyndra Kastens

Re: City Clerk/Administrator Report
8/6/24

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Public Comment allows the public an opportunity to address the City Commission. There is a five minute per person limit on public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve July 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve July 24, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Appropriation Ordinance No. 3195-\$542,918.20
4. Approve 07.30.2024 Payroll \$65,426.96
5. Approve July 2024 Court Report

The Court Report is blank, but it is accurate, there are no tickets to report.

6. Approve to Obtain Quotes and Proceed on Replacement of Engine for Truck#4 Powerplant Truck

According to Newberry Auto, the engine needs to be replaced in Larry's Power Plant Truck, equipment #4. I have attached a report from Randy Moore of the recent history of issues with this vehicle. I asked about second opinions just for good measure, we can get one if you want but with a cylinder with no compression at all, everyone is feeling like we will just spend more time and money and the outcome is still going to be a replacement engine. There are of course no engines to be had so the choice will be a salvage Ford engine (with approximately 60K-70K miles on it) or a new off-brand (Jasper Crate) engine. Early quotes look to be approximately \$1,000 difference in price with the off brand being the cheaper of the two. We are looking at an approximate \$16,000 cost either way. To save time, I am asking you to approve both to obtain quotes and approve to proceed with the repair at this meeting since we are down one truck right now. The Commission can either guide me to take the lowest price new engine or stick with a salvage FORD brand. There will not be much else to discuss unless you have other ideas and if so, pull this off consent.

7. Bank of the Plains COD 32951-Wayne Dennis for \$50,000 Reinvestment

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

REGULAR BUSINESS

8. Open Bids for Roof Repair/Replacement

I have had Chris Mayberry working on this project so he will be here to review the bids.

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9. Health Violation Hearing - 1465 N. Industrial Drive BISHOP 2024

Mr. Bishop will be here; he has requested a hearing and will be requesting approval to open burn.

10. Kayak Storage Racks at Anthony Lake - Anthony Lake Board

The Lake Board will be here to share one of their latest projects with the Commission, their desire to place Kayak storage racks at Anthony Lake. This would be first come first served storage possibly, the exact details of service have not been worked out yet, but it would not be for kayak rentals, just storage bins, much like a public bike rack that you can lock your bike (in this case kayak) at to store and use when you are at the lake. They have proposed a few locations to place the racks, these locations and some sample storage racks are in your packet for review.

11. Open Bids for 2024 Street Sealing

12. Approve CMB Hall Application - Kannenberg

13. Approve Resolution 1145 - Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan

This is the five-year renewal of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This was a project I had passed off to other staff, so I was not a part of the renewal process. The action items for Anthony have changed from our previous action items. It is my understanding that a consulting service helped with this renewal. They are not bad actions but not all items are ones I would have listed. However, the resolution will need to be adopted prior to the next commission meeting so at this stage we should probably just proceed, and we will just not take action on all of the items. We will then try to clean them up at the next renewal. Not sure how else to proceed at this time since the review period has passed.

14. Approve Fund Investments and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute the Documents to Secure the Most Advantageous Rate

Investment bids are coming in. We require banks to meet the Statutory Investment Pool Rate. In most cases they do. In addition, in most cases we leave funds at both Bank of the Plains and Kanza Bank. In this round of bidding, Kanza only bid on \$480,000 of the \$ that's open for bid. This means, if we approve as we normally do, we will be shifting the bulk of the city's assets to BOP's. Any issues with this?

15. Lake Department Accident of July 25, 2024

- Naaman Clark as interim Power Plant and Lake Department Head.

- Once insurance has cleared, we will need to repair or replace the water department's Deweeze.

16. Water Main Breaks

Commissioner Hatfield requested this agenda item.

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Admin Report:

1. SPO Lake Eco Development – On July 10th, the city received the petition to request the consideration of the sale of the lake land to be placed on the November ballot. We have had difficulty securing an appraiser but are still working on it. Found one willing to do the job, but still has not provided a price. Again, still working on it.
2. Sunrise 2nd – We are in the coordination phase with gas and electric installations. You should be seeing equipment coming to the site this week for gas work. The contract work and finalizing the BASE grant expenditures was quite time-consuming last week since August 2nd was the final deadline for expenditure reimbursements. In addition, we had to lock down the contract you approved at the special meeting so we could make the BASE grant expenditure deadline. We have also talked to Don Klausmeyer and will be scheduling a meeting with him in the next two weeks to decide the start date for site prep for home construction, while trying to get electric and gas completed and out of the area. Lot's going on, more to come!

We did a project review with the Kansas Department of Commerce on July 25th for the BASE grant project. The review went well, and we are on track for grant closeout.

3. KHITC – Many conversations with KHRC, Ross Vogel (our consultant), and attorneys to iron out this tax credit reservation document. I am still working on trying to have the city be the recipient of the credits. KHRC has had to send official legal requests up the chain of command on their side because it gets somewhat sticky with the BASE grant also being state dollars. Since they did not have the official answers by Friday August 2nd when this agreement was due, they extended the deadline for the signed agreements until we heard back from them. I have everything filled out and ready to go and we have issued the check for our 10% of the 5% fee so we can execute as soon as we have heard from KHRC.
4. Budget – There is a hard copy of the budget at your desk to pick up at the meeting for your review prior to the budget hearing on the 13th at 5:30 p.m.
5. CDBG Grant Update – We have received confirmation that our Environmental Review was complete, and we have received the official Release of Funds from Commerce. As of this date, we have six applications approved with letters and as of July 26th, inspections have started with SCKEDD. We are moving right along! Many thanks here to Sherri Miller for keeping the applications and all the mess of the required documentation moving!
6. City of Anthony Health Insurance – We are participating in an exploratory health insurance large group option sponsored by KMU. Due to the rising costs of insurance today, KMU stepped forward to investigate the possibilities of a group option for municipal utilities. We have no idea where this will go yet but here is an update of the progress:

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Thank you for your interest in a pooled health insurance program through Kansas Municipal Utilities. We felt it is important to provide you an update on the status of a pooled health insurance program.

The initial survey was closed June 18, 2024. From the initial survey, we received 86 responses. From those 86, 54 respondents said they would be interested in further exploring a forming a health insurance pool. A follow-up survey was distributed to all parties interested. The purpose of this survey was to receive permission to evaluate health insurance census information to evaluate the different level coverages for each municipality, the cost for those coverages, the aggregate health history of the group, and the development of preliminary rates. A total of 36 cities representing 941 covered employees gave permission to include their community in a census evaluation. This is a great response.

Currently Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) is conducting the evaluation on the health insurance programs for each interested municipality. The evaluation will assist BCBSKS in assessing group risk, developing preliminary rates and coverages. The evaluation should be completed around August 19th. An update will be provided as we approach that date.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

We are one of the respondents that gave permission to include our community in the census evaluation. We will keep you posted as we go. In addition, KMEA is investigating the potential for group power plant insurance options since these costs have also skyrocketed and have become a barrier to the City of Anthony getting other property/liability insurance companies to give us a bid. We don't know if either of these options will produce realistic opportunities, but it does not hurt to find out.

7. Health Needs Assessment – This is just a reminder of the top six unmet health needs identified by review of the latest CHNA results at a town hall meeting hosted at CHS by PHC. This is good information to be reminded of as we know that healthy communities equal gain for long-term sustainability (economic, socio-economic, community wellness, etc.). A city may not be directly involved in these items but should be aware and support where possible. Just keeping you informed.

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2024 CHNA Priorities				
Unmet Health Needs - Harper Co, KS				
on behalf Patterson Health, Anthony, KS				
Town Hall - 04/04/24 (Attendees 27 / 108 Total Votes)				
#	Community Health Needs to Change and/or Improve	Votes	%	Accum
1	Substance Abuse (Drugs & Alcohol)	21	19.4%	19%
2	Mental Health Services (Diagnosis, Placement, Aftercare, Providers)	20	18.5%	38%
3	EMS (Staffing, Coverage, Funding)	14	13.0%	51%
4	Access to Affordable Healthy Foods	11	10.2%	61%
5	Poverty	10	9.3%	70%
6	Home Health	7	6.5%	77%
Total Votes		108	100%	
Other needs receiving votes: School Funding (State), Cancer Care, Vaccination Hesitancy, Medicaid Expansion, Social Services Access, Childcare (Accessible & Affordable), Domestic Abuse/ Neglect, and Medicare Advantage Reimbursement.				

8. Approved Donation List – As requested, attached is the copy of the approved donation list for the City of Anthony. It also lists the requests we received throughout a one-year window, which Jamie reported was really only Royal Publishing calling multiple times asking for each sporting event. We usually pick one event each year and then a different event the next and so on, so we take turns with each sport. Also listed is CORE which the Commission donated to but was not on the list.
9. Tree Board Update – Attached to the packet is an update of the progress of the tree planters on Main Street from the Tree Board for the Wayne Dennis Fund. To complete the project, they would need additional funding. Let me know if you want the city to participate in assisting with that effort by looking at other funding sources or general cash funds. I will not proceed at this time unless you direct me to, or the Tree Board makes a request. Let me know. Until then, here is a report of progress.