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**CITY OF COLWICH, KANSAS
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
310 S. 2ND STREET
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 20, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kevin J. Dorritie on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. called the regular monthly meeting of the Colwich City Council to order.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Mayor Kevin J. Dorritie, Councilmembers Angela Banz, Terrie Nicholson, and Don Koci, with James Treece absent.

Staff members present were Mark Hinkle, Chief of Police, Corey Heck, Public Works Director, Maurice Lallament, Fire Chief, Andrew Marino and Nolan Wright, City Attorneys and Diana Brooks, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dorritie led the audience, staff and Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no notices or communications.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

4. PURCHASE REQUESTS AND ITEMS NEEDING COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Review of the request to adopt Ordinance No. 717 concerning the rates and fees charged for solid waste removal

Ms. Diana Brooks, City Clerk reminded the Council in 2017 that a contract for solid waste removal was entered into with Waste Connections and that the contract provided a two-percent increase every two-years. She stated that Ordinance No. 717, drafted by the City Attorneys, would implement the rate change which needed to be in place by June 1st.

Councilwoman Banz moved that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 717 setting the rates and fees charged for solid waste removal. Councilwoman Nicholson second the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with Councilwoman Nicholson voting yea; Councilwoman Banz voting yea and Councilman Koci voting yea.

B. Review of the request to set a budget worksession

Ms. Brooks stated that the County Clerk's office was required to provide the necessary information to complete the 2020 budget process by June 15th. She stated the Election Office must be notified by July 1st if an election was needed.

She requested that the Council set a budget worksession the week of June 24th. The consensus of the Council was to set a budget worksession on June 24th at 6:30 p.m.

C. Discussion of water, sewer, and trash rates

Ms. Brooks requested that the Council consider adjusting the city's rates for water, sewer and trash. She stated that the sewer debt service had been paid off for approximately three years without the rates changing and suggested transferring \$50,000 to the sewer reserve fund, \$50,000 to CIP for sewer lagoon cleaning and sewer lagoon construction.

Ms. Brooks suggested sewer rates be lowered from a base rate of \$18.50 to \$16.00, raising the water base rate from \$26.50 to \$27.50 and adding \$.50 to the trash rates to cover administrative cost. She reviewed a chart for a family that used 4,000 gallons of water under the current rate system and the proposed rate changes showing the proposed rates would lower the overall bill by \$.66 per month.

The consensus of the Council was to forward the information to the City Attorneys for drafting of a rate ordinance for approval at the June meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2019 regular Council meeting
- B. Approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2019 special Council meeting
- C. Approval of the Appropriations Ordinance Nos. 19-04-02 and 19-05-01
- D. Approval of the April financial reports
- E. Monthly purchase orders – if any

Councilman Koci moved that the Council approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

6. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- A. City Engineer – Mr. Mabry stated he had nothing to report

- B. Fire – Mr. Maurice Lallament, Fire Chief presented the monthly report. He requested the Council reconsider the time commitment stated in the EMT Training Agreement from a two-year to one-year commitment.

Councilman Koci moved that the Council modify the contract to one year with the understanding this does not lock future contractual agreements and that the agreement be reviewed next year. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Lallament distributed a draft of a mutual aid agreement with the Cheney Fire Department for the City Attorneys review. Mayor Dorritie tabled any action to the June meeting to give the City Attorney time to review the contract.

Mr. Lallament reported that free radios were expected soon from Wichita P.D. with the only financial commitment being batteries and any type of accessories.

- C. Public Works –Corey Heck, Public Works Director, presented the monthly report. He reported that Black Hills Energy was changing gas lines on 53rd Street. He stated that the department would be looking at cleaning the stormwater drains as they had not been cleaned for a number of years.

Mr. Heck reported that the citywide cleanup was busy and filled five dumpsters.

- D. Police Department – Chief Mark Hinkle, Chief of Police presented the police department’s monthly report.
- E. City Attorney – Mr. Andrew Marino, City Attorney stated he nothing to report.
- F. City Clerk – Ms. Diana K. Brooks, City Clerk presented the monthly report and requested permission from the Council to review the solicitor and street vendor permitting and return to the June meeting with a suggested change to the fee structures and length of term for the issuance of the license.

7. GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mayor Dorritie stated that Mr. Treece was working to determine, how within the confines of the CFAP Grant, how to get various kinds of fish stocked other than catfish. He stated that Mr. Treece was going to be working on creating more fish habitat.

There were no Governing Body comments.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilwoman Nicholson moved for adjournment at 8:05 p.m. Councilwoman Banz second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted
Diana K. Brooks, City Clerk