

The Wathena City Council met in regular session Tuesday January 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wathena City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council President Craig Grable. Council President Craig Grable offered the prayer. Council members Joe Barger, Craig Grable, Ron Meers, Phyllis McCrory, and Geary Engemann, answered roll call. Mayor Brian Walker was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jim Richardson, City Superintendent Tim Smith, Chief of Police Jason Pendleton, City Attorney Kelly Fuemmeler, Dan Ellis, Glenn Hewins, Corey Smith, and Paul Stewart.

Motion was made by Geary Engemann, second by Ron Meers to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016, council meeting. Vote – 4 yes , 1 abstain (Barger). Motion carried.

The Council reviewed and discussed the bills presented.

Motion was made by Phyllis McCrory, second by Geary Engemann to approve the bills as listed. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Dan Ellis from Alliance Pump & Mechanical Services addressed the Council concerning pressure pumps. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Joe Barger, second by Ron Meers to purchase two booster pump stations from Alliance Pump & Mechanical Services at a cost of \$2,138.00 per station with installation cost of \$1,590.00 per day with a five percent discount applied by Alliance Pump & Mechanical Services. Vote – 3 Yes (Barger, Meers, Engemann) – 2 no (McCrory, Grable). Motion carried.

A building permit was submitted by Brycen Conroy to put in a 26' x 30' garage at 711 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Joe Barger, second by Ron Meers to approve the building permit for Brycen Conroy to put in a 26' x 30' garage at 711 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

The following police report was submitted by Chief of Police Jason Pendleton: 11 citations; 15 warning tickets; 1 accidents; 0 VIN's; 3 assist to other agencies; 25 service calls; 8 offense reports; 2 arrest; 2 vehicle unlock; 3 Nuisance Contacts; 4 Other agencies assisting WPD.

Chief of Police Jason Pendleton introduced Corey Smith as a potential police officer for the City of Wathena. Chief Jason Pendleton informed the Council that he would like to offer Corey Smith a conditional part time police officer position pending he pass all required testing. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Geary Engemann, second by Craig Grable to hire Corey Smith as a part time police officer with a starting pay of \$16.00 per hour with no benefits. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the following items with Chief of Police Jason Pendleton: Potential department work hours; and a City nuisance list.

Superintendent Tim Smith presented the Council with a proposal from Long Electric Company to do the electrical work at the recreation building at the City Park. City Superintendent Tim Smith informed the Council that the Recreation Board has committed to paying half of the cost for work to be done. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Joe Barger, second by Ron Meers to hire Long Electric Company to do the electrical work at the recreation building at the City Park at a cost of \$3,512.00, with half of the cost being paid by the City and half being paid by the Wathena Recreation Board. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Tim Smith presented the Council with a proposal form Advance Cleaning Systems Inc. to epoxy the concrete floors in the community center with Hillyard's

Concrete Defense HT at a cost of \$4,450.00. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Phyllis McCrory, second by Joe Barger to hire Advance Cleaning Systems Inc. to epoxy the concrete floors in the community center with Hillyard's Concrete Defense HT at a cost of \$4,450.00. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geary Engemann to adjourn. Motion died from lack of a second.

The Council discussed the following items with City Superintendent Tim Smith: City sewer pumps; City water leaks; water and wastewater training classes; and the approaches to Peter's Creek Bridge.

The Council concurred to have the City Attorney send Summit Truck Bodies a letter regarding the sewer pumps that service their business facility.

The Council discussed the following items: The potential water system project; and Diner 36.

There being no further business, motion was made by Geary Engemann, second by Joe Barger to adjourn the meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Craig Grable, Council President

  
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James Richardson, City Clerk