

The Wathena City Council met in regular session Monday February 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wathena City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian Walker. Mayor Brian Walker offered the prayer. Mayor Brian Walker and Council members Joe Barger, Craig Grable, Ron Meers, Phyllis McCrory, and Geary Engemann, answered roll call. Also present were City Clerk Jim Richardson, City Superintendent Tim Smith, Chief of Police Jason Pendleton, City Attorney Alan Boeh, and Paul Stewart.

Motion was made by Geary Engemann, second by Ron Meers to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017, council meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed and discussed the bills presented.

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

A building permit was submitted by Wathena Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center to tear out and replace existing fence with a 48” tall woven wire fence at 2112 Highway 36. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Joe Barger, second by Geary Engemann to approve the building permit for Wathena Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center to tear out and replace existing fence with a 48” tall woven wire fence at 2112 Highway 36. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

City Attorney Alan Boeh and City Clerk Jim Richardson presented the Council with a draft copy of the Municipal Water Conservation Plan for the City of Wathena and proposed Ordinance number 642 an ordinance authorizing the declaration of one of three progressive stages of a water supply conservation and / or water supply shortage which shall conserve or curtail the use of water within the City of Wathena; establishing three stages of water conservation measures for the City; a water watch, warning or emergency; establishing procedures and voluntary and mandatory conservation measures; authorizing the issuance of administrative regulations; and prescribing certain penalties, for their consideration. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Geary Engemann, second by Ron Meers, to approve Ordinance number 642. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Craig Grable, second by Phyllis McCrory to approve and adopt the Municipal Water Conservation Plan for the City of Wathena. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

The following police report was submitted by Chief of Police Jason Pendleton: 11 citations; 17 warning tickets; 0 accidents; 7 VIN’s; 5 assist to other agencies; 30 service calls; 4 offense reports; 1 arrest; 0 vehicle unlock; 8 Nuisance Contacts; 5 Other agencies assisting WPD.

The Council discussed the following items with Chief of Police Jason Pendleton: Nuisance list presented; and having a monthly department duty schedule.

Chief of Police Jason Pendleton requested a 10 minute executive session for personnel.

Motion was made by Phyllis McCrory, second by Craig Grable to go into executive session for 10 minutes for personnel with Mayor, City Council, Chief of Police, and Brad Smith. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried. Executive session started at 7:09 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:19 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion was made by Craig Grable, second by Geary Engemann to hire Brad King as a full time police officer at \$16.00 per hour with full benefits and a start date of mid-March 2017. Vote – 4 yes , 1 no (Barger). Motion carried.

City Superintendent Tim Smith brought up the matter of purchasing a Tennant T3 used walk behind floor scrubber for the Community Building at a cost of \$1,800.00. Discussion

followed.

Motion was made by Geary Engemann, second by Joe Barger to authorize the City Superintendent to purchase a Tennant T3 used walk behind floor scrubber for the Community Building at a cost of \$1,800.00. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the following items with City Superintendent Tim Smith: Refurbishing three lift stations; a water leak on the main 10 inch line; and water meters installed.

City Clerk Jim Richardson presented the Council with a proposal from Advanced Cleaning Systems Inc. for epoxying the floor in the entryway and bathrooms at City Hall at a cost of \$850.00. Discussion followed.

The Council discussed the following items: The potential City water project; and the remaining funds of the Municipal Pool sales tax.

There being no further business, motion was made by Joe Barger, second by Geary Engemann to adjourn the meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brian Walker, Mayor

James Richardson, City Clerk