Minutes

Burrton City Council

Burrton City Hall

Feb. 5th, 2024

203 N. Burrton Ave.

Burrton, Ks 67020

The Feb. 5, 2024 meeting of the Burrton City Council was called to order by Mayor Missy Ducimetiere at 6:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Greg Robinson, Scott Meyer, Josh Greenhaw.

Also, present were staff: City Attorney Brad Jantz, City Superintendent Jon Roberts, and Burrton Police Chief Dave Odle

**Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Meyer to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Greenhaw

Motion carried 3-0

**139 S. Colorado**

Ducimetiere formally opened the hearing on the property of 139 S. Colorado and acknowledged that the owner was not present.

Motion made by Meyer to contact the owner by letter to request the property be turned over to the land bank.

Seconded by Robinson

Motion carried 3-0

**Open Council Seat**

Ducimetiere requested that all parties that are interested in filling the open council seat approach the podium and provide their name. Gary Rivers and Tonya Hornback each announced that they were wishing to fill the empty council seat. Robinson stated that he would like each person to provide a letter to the city council stating the reasons for wanting to serve as a city council member. Ducimetiere stated that the letters would need to be received by 02-14-24.

**Election of new Council President**

Ducimetiere made the suggestion that the position be filled by City Council member Robinson.

Nomination was made by Greenhaw to elect Robinson as Council President

Seconded by Meyer

Motion carried 3-0

**Mark Morris (126 S. Colorado)**

Mark Morris had previously purchased 126 S. Colorado and had intended to remove the home. Morris asked the council if the property had been condemned and requested to have the existing structure rebuilt by a contractor. City Attorney Jantz stated that there was reason that the frame of the home could not be rebuilt. Ducimetiere request that the contractor that would be completing the repairs attend the next council meeting.

**Gas System**

A representative from Black Hills Energy informed the council that the previous offer expires on 02-20-24, however the offer could be extended another 30-90 days if additional discussion is needed.

A representative from Kansas Gas Service informed the council that the company had provided an offer to the City of Burrton on 01-11-24 and the offer would expire 90 days from the date the offer.

Ducimetiere asked that the council conduct a work session to discuss the gas service proposals. The council agreed to meet for a work session on 03-09-24 at 8:30 am.

**Year End Transfer Approval**

City Council had several questions about the current city budget. City Treasurer, Jaclyn Holzrichter informed the council that the city budget was very tight and there is no real area that cutbacks can be made. Holzrichter explained that employee benefit costs continue to increase due to insurance costs and the city continues to lose funds on the water and sewer system.

Motion made by Robinson to approve year end transfers.

Seconded by Greenhaw

Motion carried 3-0

**Sewer Rates**

Item was tabled until next council meeting.

**Community Event Item Added to City Bill**

Item was tabled until next council meeting.

**Stinger Tax Abatement**

Motion made by Meyer to approve the current Stinger Tax Abatement

Seconded by Robinson

Motion carried 3-0

**Fire Board Appointment**

Motion made by Meyer to approve Dustin Covert and Gerry Campbell to the Fire Board

Seconded by Robinson

Motion carried 3-0

**Approval of NPR and Residential Housing Incentive for New Home**

Motion to approve made by Meyer

Seconded by Robinson

Motion carried 3-0

**City Superintendent Report**

City Superintendent Jon Roberts informed the council that the recent snow had occupied a great deal of the city crew’s time.

Roberts highlighted that the city crew has been working on filling potholes around the city. Roberts stated the there is no asphalt plant open this time of year and that the only real option is with a cold patch. Roberts stated that the cold patches work, however they are quite expensive. Robinson asked if potholes could be filled with gravel. Roberts said that gravel would not be the best option due to the gravel will not stay in place.

Roberts said the Burrton Ave street repair should begin sometime in March or April.

Roberts informed the council that there was a savings of $17,000 on the current gas systems due to the city agreeing to a flat gas rate.

**Administrative Items**

Ducimetiere stated that she has been busy attending several area meetings to open the lines of communication between the City of Burrton and outside organizations. Ducimetiere said the new City Hall hours appeared to be working well

Jantz spoke about how the city council will need to conduct the upcoming work session.

Meyers stated that he would still like to see on-line bill payments for city billing.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Robinson to adjourn.

Seconded by Meyers

Motion carried 3-0