

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
March 4 , 2024, at 6:00 pm

1. Call To Order & Roll Call

Mayor Brandy Gray called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Kelley Vandecreek, Jennifer Cross, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: Brian Duryea

Staff Present: Chris Ade, Don Boyer, Dan Britt, Dave Hasker, Randy Paden, Tammy Shank,

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, Lynn Teeters

2. Approval of the Agenda for March 4, 2024, City Council Meeting

Motion by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

3. Public Comments & Communications

There were no public comments.

Mayor Brandy Gray shared two letter sent to the city

1 - Letter from Solomon Safe After Prom to request a donation to their annual event

2 - Letter from DK County letter to inform that KanEquip has requested property tax abatement

4. Reports

1. Dickinson County Sheriff - Jerry Davis

Sheriff Davis provided a summary of activity for February 2024 - 44 Calls / 221 Hours

17 Traffic Stops, 4 Traffic Complaints, 3 Animal Complaints, 2 Theft, 1 Transport, 2 Escorts, 1

Arrest, 1 Outside Agency Assist, 1 Hangup/Suspicious 911, 1 Motorist Assist, 1 Alarm, 2 Utility, 3

Suspicious Activity, 1 Civil Issue/Standby, 1 Harassment, 1 Animal Bite, 1 Trespassing, 1 Speak

With Officer.

Reported No Update On Equipment, He Will Report Next Month.

2. Solomon Fire Department Chief Paden

Chief Paden reported that he Completed The Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant From The Kansas

Forest Service For The Purchase Of 2 Wireless Headsets With A Total Cost Of \$1,966. This Is A

50/50 Share Grant.

The Department Has Started Receiving The 2 AED's And Medical Diagnostic Equipment. This

equipment was purchased with the Sunbelt Solomon donation. Training Will Start soon.

Truck #611 Is Back In Service. Multiple Injectors Failed on February 18, 2024. This Truck Is Mainly

Used For First Responders, And As A Support Truck. Truck #611 Is Parked Outside

Lincoln Township And The City Of Solomon Are Currently In A Burn Ban And Depending On The

Weather, We Should Be Able To Come Out Of The Burn Ban This Week.

6 Calls In February

In The City - 5 – Med Calls

In The County - 1 – Vehicle Fire

3. Building Inspector- Dave Hasker

Dave reported that he hasn't had any Calls To Inspect At Kanequip.

Mayor Brandy Gray requested a meeting with Dave Hasker to discuss code enforcement.

4. Public Works Director - Dan Britt

Dan reported There Have Been Several Leaks In Town, 4 Meters Patched, And 2 Were Leaking In Front Of The Meter Pits. A Water Main Break Was Found In The Field Where Well #10 Is Located, Which Took A While To Repair. They've Been Using The Hydrovac, A High-Pressure Wash With A Wand That Helps Find Leaks Before Digging And Time. It Has 50 Hours Or So On It.

Staff Spent 6 Days Searching For And Locating Valves And Mains for the Water Infrastructure Project and CES Engineering. Six unknown Water Valves Were Located That Were Not On Any Maps And Still In Working Order. They Also Assisted Ces With Pulling Sewer Lids To Get Depths. This Stage Is Done.

Today Staff Unwinterized The Pool And Pressure Washing The Bottom Of The Pool. Mckee's Is Stopping By The Pool On 3/5/2024. Dan Britt Will Keep Brandy Informed.

A Complete List Of Tobacco Signs Needed For The Bcbs Pathways Grant Was Received.

Dan Britt And Don Boyer Will Attend The KRWA Conference In Wichita On March 26 & 27, 2024.

Dan talked To The Property Owner at Williams & Poplar St about Digging Out The Ditch. The Concrete Curbing Needs To Be Cut Back. Dan Got A Quote From Kansas Coring & Cutting For \$425.00. Motion By Colten Kohman Not To Exceed \$500.00, Seconded By Shawn Kirby, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Dan Also Talked About The Fence Post And The East End Of The Park Are All Rotten And Need To Be Removed. Council discussion supported their removal

5. City Clerk - Tammy Shank

Tammy reports that Municipal Court Was Held On 2/15/24 @ 4:00 P.M.

20 Cases Presented: 9 - First Appears, 9 Follow Up, 2 Status. Of These Cases: 1 Suspend DI, 13 Appeared, 2 Did Not Appear, 2 Bench Warrants, 1 Dismissed And 1 Case Moved To Trial.

Technology - We Are Ported! Jeff With New Century Computers Ported City Office Phones On 2/22/24. We Love The New Phones.

Audit Has Been Submitted To Varney & Associates. Jessica A. Lindsley Said They Will Get Started Pulling The Reports From Qbo And Getting The Audit Planned. Once We Get Things In, They Will Reach Out And Schedule A Day To Come Out Here And Finish.

The Annual Water Usage Report Has Been Submitted To The Kansas Rural Water Association. This Report Is An Accumulation Of Data Entered Monthly Which Includes Well Readings, Water Sold (To Residents), Free Water (That Is Kept Track Of). This Is Then Entered Into Their Water Usage Portal And Submitted. We Are Within Their Parameters For Water Loss.

Reminder That The Annual Vaccination Clinic Is Saturday, March 16, 2024, From 8:00 AM - Noon

In The Works - Standard Report format for each department, a report schedule for the city committee. Binder And Tabs Are Available For Council Meetings And Workshop Notes.

6. Solomon Library - Lynn Teeters

Lynn talked About The Summer Reading Program. Start Time Is 10:00 Am And Averages Between 47-63 Kids And She Will Have Help From A Solomon Student. She's Interested In Working With The School. Lynn Thanked The City Guys For All Their Help. Future Operating Changes Are Coming From The Manhattan Public Library, details to be determined later. Lynn was going to follow up with the council on board member appointments and term expiration.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. City Insurance Policy Renewal
Mayor Brandy Gray reviewed the city insurance policy renewal, including answers to billing questions about revising the policy to increase the city deductible and increase the umbrella policy limits. Motion By Kelley Vandecreek To Approve The Renewal Of The City Insurance Policy, Seconded By Colten Kohman, 4 Yays 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
2. Staff Wage Adjustments
Mayor Brandy Gray Talked About The City Staff Annual Wage Adjustments. Motion By Jennifer Cross To Accept The Rate Wages , Seconded By Kelley Vandecreek, 4 Yays 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
3. BCBS Quality of Life Coalition Grant
Mayor Brandy Gray Presented Information About The BCBS Quality Of Life Coalition Grant received for \$14,000. This project includes three parts: 1. Pickle Ball Court 2. Volleyball Posts And 3. Customized Signs. Discussion was held on the best way to proceed with the Pickleball Court. Quality Of Life Coalition has invited the City to present at a grant information/celebration event in Abilene on Thursday, April 4th, 2024.
4. Water Line Survey
Mayor Brandy Gray shared that the water line survey deadline Is October 16, 2024. City staff mailed 404 surveys, 229 have been returned. 253 remain unanswered
5. Water Infrastructure Project
Mayor Brandy Gray shared a project summary related to the Water Infrastructure Project. The project is intended to replace the community's aging infrastructure. Approximately 33,000 Linear Lines Will Be Replaced. KDHE Is Reviewing The Environmental And Financial Statements And Will Offer Their Recommendations. The city has partnered with NCPRC to assist with the project. Amanda Horn is the project lead.
6. CES Engineering Invoice
Mayor Brandy Gray Presented The CES Engineering 1st Invoice For \$25,000 For Payment. Motioned By Shawn Kirby To Approve Payment Of \$25,000 To Ces Engineering, Seconded By Kelley Vandecreek. 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
7. Twin Valley Franchise Agreement
Mayor Brandy Gray Discussed The Potential Franchise Agreement With Aaron At Twin Valley Communications. Aaron Martin Provided Information About The Franchise Fee. Dan Britt Expressed Concern With Work Done With CES On Locates.

6. Consent Agenda

Council reviewed consent agenda items including: (1) Approval of minutes dated February 5th, 2024, (2) Check detail, (3), Fund Balance and (3) License Renewal. General - TD Construction, Plumbing - Freedom Drains, Roofing - Best Roofing & Remodel.

A motion was made by Shawn Kirby and seconded by Colten Kohman to approve the Consent Agenda. 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

7. City Council Report & Comments

Mayor Brandy Gray shared information about prior month meetings/visits.

1. Senator Marshall's Office - Abbi Rankin - Federal Grant Funding Reference Book
2. Solomon Pool - Stacey Zerbe - 2024 pool operations/schedule
3. USD 393 - ACT Workkeys / USD 393 Strategic Plan
4. DKEDC - County Wide organization that focuses on economic development. Jessica Goodale is the current director. Solomon is represented by Kenny Roelofsen, business representative, and Brandy Gray, mayor.
5. Cub Scout - Mayor visit with local cub scouts to discuss local government

Mayor Brandy Gray also expressed appreciation to city staff for all of their work.

8. Calendar reminders

Mayor Brandy Gray reminded attendees of the following calendar items

1. Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 8:00 to 12:00 noon - Vaccination Clinic
2. Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 5:40 - City Council Facility Tour
3. Monday, March 25 at 6 pm – City Council Work Session
4. Monday, April 1 at 6 pm – City Council Meeting
5. Thursday, April 4, 3:30-6:30 - BCBS Quality Of Life Coalition Grant Event Celebration

9. Adjourn

Motion To Adjourn At 7:44 Pm By Jennifer Cross, Seconded By Colten Kohman. 4 Yays, 0 Nays.
Motion Carried.

Signed:

Attest:

Brandy Gray
Mayor

Tammy Shank
City Clerk