

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**October 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brandy Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Andrea McCook, Krista Radke, Dan Britt, Randy Paden

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, Brad Gillett, Cheril Gilett

Chris Ade.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR October 7, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Motion by Jennifer Cross to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Duryea by, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none this month.

**3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS**

1. Dickinson County Sheriff- Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for September 2024. 22 traffic stops, 2 welfare checks, 9 suspicious activity, 6 speak with an officer, 3 open door, 1 noise, 2 juvenile complaint, 3 vehicle inspections, 2 traffic complaints, 1 theft, 1 sick person, 1 damage to property, 1 trespassing, 3 utility, 1 domestic, 1 escort, 1 hangup/suspicious, 1 civil issue. They had 59 calls with 217.25 hours.

2. Planning & Zoning- Curtis Boyer was unable to attend the meeting but had reported that they are meeting regularly now and are currently working on an RV permit that they can take to council for approval.

3. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported that it is Fire Prevention Week. They will participate in the trunk-or-treat held October 31st. With the dryness, Chief Paden has put us in a burn ban. They received a \$3,000 Safe Grant for new gear. Truck 316 has an air leak and will be going to the shop.

15 calls in September

In The City - 7 - Med Calls, 3 other.

In The County - 1 Med Call, 4 grass.

5. Public Works Director- Dan Britt reported Wildcat Construction has had a 3 man crew at the Senior Center since Tuesday. There is less damage than anticipated. They've made a temporary door to use and begun on foundation repair. City Inspector, Bill Rogers, inspected and has been keeping an eye on the progress. It will probably be another week until completion. Dan said Twin Valley is in town and moving through fast. They've had reports of hitting gas, sewer, and water lines. Public works crew are trying to keep up with locates. They've received their new dump truck and it is at the shop and then will get it to Wamego. They've also been working on the water surveys.

6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook reported at the office they've also been working on the water surveys. There have been several roof permits come through in the last month. Bill Rogers has been doing inspections and has jumped right in to help. Andrea will be attending the Kansas League of Municipalities in Wichita next week for their annual conference.

7. Municipal Services Clerk- Krista Radke reported that court wasn't held for the month of September.

Next court date 10/17/24 at 4:00

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

- (1) Approval of minutes dated September 9, 2024.
- (2) Approval of hearing to exceed RNR Minutes dated September 9, 2024.
- (3) Approval of Budget hearing minutes dated September 9, 2024.
- (4) Fund Balance & Check Register
- (5) License Approvals- Bush's Market CMB license

A motion by Shawn Kirby to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Brian Duryea, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

#### 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Law Enforcement Services Contract Renewal- First look at the new contract. Overall it is going down. Council will review it and will vote in November.
2. Fire Department and SCBA Replacement. After getting the air packs recertified they had to take 2 more out of service. They have 7 left that are over 30 years old and they can't get parts for them anymore. Randy would like to replace these. A new pack is \$7,000 and a reconditioned one is \$895. The reconditioned ones have a lifetime warranty and free annual testing. The council asked that Randy look at shipping and pricing of 4 vs. all 7 and then they will vote at the next meeting.
3. Water Survey Project- The City has 61 more surveys that need done this week. They have to be submitted to the state by October 16th.
4. Pool Resurfacing Project- Joe Tucker painting has been in business for 40 years and specializes in pools. The bid for the recommended services was for \$55,000. If the city provides labor/equipment assistance, the vendor agreed to reduce the bid to \$45,000. The council discussed the recent investments in the pool, continued concerns with the pool surface and decided to proceed with the bid to ensure the pool is functioning properly for next season. Motion by Jennifer Cross to accept the \$45,000 bid and move forward with repairs, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
5. Sports court project- Mayor Gray thanked everyone for all their help. The court resurfacing has been pushed back 2 weeks. Dan placed the concrete and anchors today. The goal has been ordered. The mulch was ordered and will arrive Wednesday. Brad Homman is working on getting us a fence bid. The goal is still to finish up the project by November. A revision of the sponsor form was reviewed and approved.
6. Community Christmas Event- The Community Foundation has awarded a grant of \$8,900 for a Christmas tree for our park. Motion made by Jennifer Cross to accept grant for the tree, Colten Kohman seconded, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.  
Four trees and bids were reviewed. Motion made by Jennifer Cross to accept the bid from Creative Displays for a 14' panel tree, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried. The first Community Christmas meeting will be held 10/16/24.
7. City Code Review
  - A) 5.2 Solicitors, canvassers, peddlers & food trucks. The licenses are good for a year. Food trucks are regulated by the state. Council discussed different costs. Aaron Martin will try to provide better wording and compact that section of the code book.
  - B) 7-214-Propane tanks. Propane tanks being allowed in town was brought up as a safety concern. We currently have 2 propane tanks in town, 1 residential and 1 commercial. Aaron will review the current ordinance and provide a proposed ordinance change.
8. Economic Incentives-Mayor Gray asked Aaron Martin to educate the council on different economic incentives. He explained what some of them are and how the City can use them. He went over CID (Community Improvement Districts), TIF (Tax Increment Financing, and IRB (Industrial Revenue Bonds). Discussion followed.

#### 6. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brandy Gray gave kudos to the Public Works Department and all their hard work these last few weeks with several projects.

**7. CALENDAR REMINDERS**

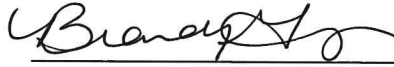
Wednesday, October 16th AT 6 PM - Community Christmas Meeting  
Monday, Monday October 28th At 6 PM - City Council Work Session  
Monday, November 4th AT 6 PM - City Council Meeting

**8. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM by Kelley VanDeCreek seconded by Colten Kohman, 5  
Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:

Attest:



Brandy Gray  
Mayor



Andrea McCook  
City Clerk