

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
November 4, 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, Bill Rogers

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, Brad Gillett, Don Boyer,

Chris Ade.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR November 4, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Shawn Kirby to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Duryea, 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 October 2024.

9 traffic stops, 2 welfare checks, 12 suspicious activity, 10 speak with an officer, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 vehicle inspection, 1 traffic complaint, 1 damage to property, 1 trespassing, 2 utility, 3 unknown problem, 2 animal complaint, 2 fire, 2 threats, 1 citizen check, 1 court order violation, 1 disorderly subject, 1 lost/found property, 1 suicide/psych emergency, 1 traffic accident. They had 55 calls with 207.25 hours.

A couple of concerns were brought by the council to Sheriff Davis. One being reports of street racing and driving recklessly through town. Officer Davis has alerted his patrol to be aware and on the lookout. Also, there have been complaints of a go-cart on the streets. Aaron Martin will look at our code book and the Standard Traffic Ordinances and report back on how to handle the situation.

2. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported they've had a busy month. They did a full day of fire prevention last week with the grade school pre-k-4th grade, 2 morning of fire prevention with the Community Preschool, and took the safety trailer over to Enterprise for fire prevention with their after school program.

27 calls in October

In The City - 7 - Med Calls, 6 fire calls, 3 fire prevention, 1 trunk n treat

In The County - 2 fires, 1 Med Call, 1 fire prevention

3. Building Inspector- Bill Rogers reported that he's done 2 building inspections, 8 roof inspections, 2 signs, and 3 fences since he started in September.

4. Public Works Director- Dan Britt reported that the Senior Center repairs have been completed. It looks great and the west wall is definitely stronger and more insulated. The final invoice hasn't been received yet. Dan gave an update on the pickleball court. They will pull the forms that are holding in the mulch tomorrow. Lance Bruhl will be here Wednesday to get electric boxes and both stadium lights wired up. They'll be installing the lights while Lance is there. Lance will also pick up some buttons with timers to install on the lights. The fence has arrived and is at the park for Bart to start. The pool people will be here sometime in January and the pool will be done way before opening day. Dan also gave an update on the Twin Valley Fiber Optic project. On 10/29/24 Mayor Gray ceased all activity from the contractors after one contractor bored through a gas main at 6th and Poplar at 7:15 p.m. One Source Utility Solutions was fired that night by Twin Valley. Negotiations about safety and holiday work schedules have ended. Boring and

excavating will resume tomorrow. Dan has listed out the damage and time spent by city staff on those. The dump truck is done and ready to be picked up in Wamego.

6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook reported that Trapp Pharmacy came and held an immunization clinic in the back room November 1st. The office has been fielding the boring company issues. She reported we had a Kennel Inspection done by the state and they found a few issues but those are all fixed and we are compliant now. We're beginning to shift our focus to the Community Christmas and preparing for that.

7. Municipal Services Clerk- Krista Radke reported there were 23 Cases on the docket for October. 4 first appearances, 8 pay or appear, 7 cases set for status, 4 trial cases.
Next court date 11/21/24 at 4:00

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

- (1) Approval of minutes dated October 7, 2024.
- (2) Fund Balance & Check Register

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

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Law Enforcement Services Contract Renewal- Council reviewed the contract. Motion made by Brian Duryea to accept the 2025 contract at 174 hours a month, seconded by Colten Kohman, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
2. Fire Department
 - a. SCBA Replacement- Discussion was held on whether to replace all 7 or spread them out over a couple of years. Motion made by Jennifer Cross to purchase 4 of the 2013 packs to replace the 1995 ones at \$6,514.39, seconded by Colten Kohman, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - b. Engine Financing Options- Financing option was presented for purchase price of \$121,917.29 on 60 month amortization. The lease can be refinanced to add the \$150,000 for Watts once it's done. Down payment of \$12,000 is required. Annual lease payment due 5/15/24 for \$24,515. Motion made by Colten Kohman to approve those terms, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
3. Calendars- 2024 Holiday closure, 2025 holiday schedule, and 2025 meeting schedule were all presented. Motion made by Brian Duryea to approve as presented, seconded by Shawn Kirby, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
4. Water surveys were all completed and sent in by deadline. Mayor Gray thanked everyone that helped to get that done. Krista sent out 43 tri-folds lead & copper information out.
5. Sports Court- The goal has been installed. The net was installed last Friday. Our final step is the surrounding fence installation.
7. Community Christmas- The tree has been ordered. The festival committee approved storage of the tree in their garage. They'll also store the grills in there during holiday season. The date has been set for November 30th. 10-12 o'clock will be the traditional fire department hosting with 4H, Girl Scouts, and SGF having crafts. Cinnamon rolls, donuts, and juice will be provided. FCCLA will also make some cookies for the kids to decorate there. The evening events will be 4-6:30 with Santa in the log cabin, cookies and hot chocolate, music, carriage rides, and sports court activities hosted by the Solomon Rec. The tree lighting will take place at 6:00 with caroling following.

6. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brandy Gray reported she called Bingo for the Sr. Center last weekend and really enjoyed that.

7. CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday, November 25th At 6 PM - City Council Work Session

Monday, December 2nd At 6 PM - City Council Meeting

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 5
Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:

Attest:



Brandy Gray
Mayor



Andrea McCook
City Clerk