

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
November 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:00 PM

Mayor McMillen called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Brian Duryea, Billy Hemmy, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: Ann Bush

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin

Others Present: Sheriff Davis, Undersheriff Jeff Vaughan, Randy Paden, Chris Ade,
Dave Hasker, Lynn Teeters

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT

The October Activity Log was reviewed. There were 231 hours and 51 calls in Solomon for the month including 14 traffic stops, 1 traffic complaint, 2 traffic accidents, 1 motorist assist, 3 thefts, 1 burglary, 1 psychiatric emergency, 8 speak with officer, 1 domestic, 1 threat, 1 harassment, 3 civil standbys, 5 suspicious activity reports, 1 trespassing complaint, 1 outside agency assist, 1 hang-up, 1 ordinance violation, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 alarm, 1 citizen check and 1 business check.

Sheriff Davis and Undersheriff Vaughan departed the meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The annual Mayor's Holiday Festivities will be December 7th at 6:30 pm in the Main Street gazebo park with refreshments at the Red Diamond.
- b. Announce City will be closed November 11th for Veterans Day
- c. Announce City will be closed November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving
- f. The December council meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Building Inspector:

- There hasn't been much going on. A few natural gas air tests have been conducted. The new school construction is going well.
- Some of the lingering nuisance issues have been cleared. A demolition permit was issued for the old wooden elevator on Chestnut Street.

b. Fire Department:

- The Chief requested that any nuisance property that is scheduled for demolition be considered for fire department training.
- On October 21st fire prevention with the elementary school K-4 was conducted. The students came up to the fire station for a tour and went through the safety trailer. Both preschools were unable to attend and will be rescheduled.

5. STAFF REPORTS – continued

- Truck #612, the old pumper truck, has been out of service all month. It's being repaired at MHC Kenworth. The brakes are gone and the exhaust leaks. MHC is unable to find parts for it. Online resources and another repair vendor will be consulted. The Chief wants to start looking at replacing this truck.
 - Motion by Hemmy to accept resignation of firefighter Blake Spear effective 11-2-22 and approved Dalton Bledsoe joining the fire department on 10-5-22, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - Santa Day will be December 10th from 10:00 am to Noon. The department Christmas party will be that evening. Council is invited to attend.
 - The Chief and Sandy Stephens will be gone November 18 to 20 for EMS recertification hours in Manhattan.
 - Due to high wind conditions, a burn ban is in effect.
 - The department responded to 11 calls in October:
In the city: 5 medical; 2 other
In the county: 1 medical; 2 false alarms; 1 out-of-district fire
- c. Maintenance Department:
- The November 2022 issue of The Kansas Lifeline magazine published by Kansas Rural Water Association had an article on the sewer lagoon sludge removal to improve lagoon effluent quality.
 - The storm drainage tube at the west city limits on Main Street has rock washed out on the right side of the tube. Three loads of riprap and 7 yards of concrete will be used to secure the bank. Trees will be removed. This will be a winter project.
 - The stripes on Poplar and Dakota Streets have been painted after the chip seal project.
 - The sign provide by Leadership Dickinson County needs to be repaired and restrained.
 - The two new employees have been training on operating the road grader and tractor.
 - Don will be having knee replacement surgery on December 5th and will be on leave for for 3 months.
- d. City Clerk:
- The Planning Commission will meet on November 10th for a lot split request for 315 and 319 E 6th Street.
 - The general election will take place at the City community room on November 8th.
- e. Library:
- The front door of the Library needs to be replaced. The current steel door expands and contracts so it either sticks or is drafty. Glass Services quoted \$4719 and the Library was awarded a \$1000 grant towards the purchase. The project will be completed by the end of the year. Motion by Kohman to approve purchase and installation of library door by Glass Services not to exceed \$4000, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member or a citizen request, in which event the item will be removed from consent status and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- a. Approval of regular minutes dated October 3, 2022
- b. Check detail
- c. Fund Balance

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Hemmy, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Limited to one (1) non-agenda item for 3 minutes in length per person. Comments are not a discussion or question/answer session.

None

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm by Kirby, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Hunter McMillen
Mayor

Dana Eye, CMC
City Clerk