

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
December 2, 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, Don Boyer,

Chris Ade, Kyle McCook, Michelle Homman, Jerri Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR December 2, 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. Senior Center- Michelle Homman reported that they are very happy with their current numbers. They were in the low 20's and now in the 30's. The building repairs are all done and everything is working good. Abilene Rotary gave the Senior Center an AED machine. They have it registered but are waiting on the box to hang it on the wall and store it.

2. Recreation Commission- Kyle McCook came to the meeting to give an update on the Rec. Their coordinator resigned and will be staying on until the end of December. They've started interviewing for that position. They're very consistent with offering sports programs for the kids. They have looked at trying some of the things they haven't done in awhile that have been successful such as art classes, open gyms, adult sports etc. The Parks and Recreation topic will be added to January's workshop. The recreation is currently funded through the school. 1 mil equals \$30,000 and then they get revenue from their programs.

3. Dickinson County Sheriff- Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for November 2024. 6 traffic stops, 4 welfare checks, 9 suspicious activity, 8 speak with an officer, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 traffic complaint, 3 damage to property, 2 trespassing, 1 unknown problem, 2 fire, 1 traffic accidents, 1 lost and found, 1 theft, 1 VIN inspection, 2 noise complaints, 2 outside agency assists, 2 threats, 1 alarm, 1 chase, 1 civil matter, 1 harassment. They had 50 calls with 248 hours.

4. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported he picked up the chassis for the new truck on November 22nd and it's in the station in storage until Watts is ready for it. He ordered the 4 SCBA that was approved at last month's meeting and he received them today. He also has the software set up to make the ID cards and encouraged everyone to come to the station Wednesday night at 6 to get their picture taken. 613 is going back to the shop tomorrow to replace the defective air pump and find air leaks. Their Christmas party is December 21st in the back of City Hall. Santa day at the fire station went good and they gave out about 75 candy canes.

13 calls in October

In The City - 2 - Med Calls, 1 fire calls, 1 vehicle accident, 1 carbon monoxide call, 4 community service.

In The County - 1 fires, 2 vehicle accidents, 1 smoke removal

5. Public Works Director- Dan Britt reported that Twin Valley is progressing slowly. This new crew is much more careful. They have found a few more sewer lines that were hit. They are still aiming to be done by the end of December. Dan provided a list of hours and once we get one from Randy we can send an invoice to hopefully get reimbursed for our troubles and extra hours put in. We will look at using a FEMA standard rate for that. Dan is needing to still pour concrete at the pickleball entrances. Andrea will follow-up with Bart and Brad to get an estimated time frame. The pool and Main street have been winterized and park will be next.

6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook reported they had worked hard on organizing the Community Christmas and were pleased with how everything came together. She reported that we're currently looking at different health insurance options. Andrea Taylor, an employee benefit consultant for Gallagher, is helping us gather information. The City Staff will have their Christmas Lunch at Munson's Steak House on December 13th.

7. Municipal Services Clerk- Krista Radke reported there were 13 Cases on the docket for November. 2 first appearances, 6 pay or appear, 4 cases set for status, 0 trial cases, 1 Monitoring/probation.
Next court date 12/19/24 at 4:00

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

- (1) Approval of minutes dated November 4, 2024.
- (2) Fund Balance & Check Register
- (3) License approval of 1 alcohol, 2 plumbing, 1 electrical, and 3 general.

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

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Administrative

- a. Employee Benefits- Price shopping right now to manage the increase. There will be a special meeting on December 16th to review findings and decide.
- b. Employee Reviews- Review document was discussed by council with the changes made from the workshop.
- c. Employee Handbook- This is continuing to be looked at and compared to Abilene. Aaron will help with the changes and present to council at December 16th meeting.
- d. Christmas Bonus- Approve the annual bonus as presented. A motion was made by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Colten Kohman, 5 yays, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- e. Payroll Contractor Quote- Still waiting on quotes to come in for this.

2. Community Christmas Review

This had a wonderful turnout. So many people stepped up and worked together to make this a success. Some positives were seeing all the people come together, the new sports court being used, location of events and tree. Things to work on next year would be having more hot chocolate ready, more electric work done by the tree, extending the pasture trees.

3. Review Council Appointments- Appointments for 2025 vacancies and expirations were reviewed by council.

6. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brandy Gray went around and had all council members state something they were thankful for.

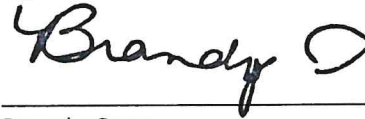
7. CALENDAR REMINDERS

Monday, December 16th At 6 PM - Special City Council Meeting
Monday, December 30th- Canceled Workshop
Monday, January 6th at 6 PM- City Council Meeting

8. ADJOURN

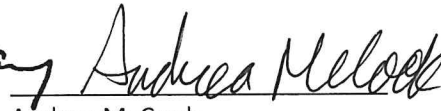
Motion to adjourn at 7:17 PM by Colten Kohman, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:



Brandy Gray
Mayor

Attest:



Andrea McCook
City Clerk