

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**December 5, 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, Ann Bush, Billy Hemmy, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: Brian Duryea

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin

Others Present: Sheriff Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Lynn Teeters, Chris Glavin,  
Dave Hasker

**2. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

a. The November Activity Log was reviewed. There were 243 hours and 54 calls in Solomon for the month including 14 traffic stops, 2 traffic complaints, 2 traffic accidents, 1 traveler's aid, 1 abandoned vehicle, 4 thefts, 3 burglaries, 6 speak with officer, 2 domestic, 1 threat, 3 civil standbys, 2 suspicious activity reports, 1 court order violation, 1 outside agency assist, 1 hang-up, 2 juvenile complaints, 2 animal complaints, 2 noise complaints, 1 citizen check, 1 welfare check and 2 business checks.

b. The 2023 contract for law enforcement service between the city and the county was discussed. The worksheet detailed the expenditures to determine the contract cost. The 200 hour per month contract will increase \$11,785.56 per year (\$982.13 per month) for a total of \$125,376.72 for the year. The alternate option of 174 hours per month contract total is \$110,861.28 for the year. The 2022 contract was \$113,591.16 year for 200 hours of service. Motion by Hemmy to table to the January 2023 meeting, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Sheriff Davis departed the meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Resolution No. 2022-03 waiving GAAP requirements for 2023 financial statements and reports was considered. Motion by Bush to approve, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

b. Council approved City offices and services to be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and January 2<sup>nd</sup> for New Year holiday.

c. Motion by Bush to approve Christmas bonus and service awards as follows:

Regular employees: \$100 plus \$10 for each year of service

Supervisors: \$150 plus \$10 for each year of service

Seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

f. The January council meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Senior Center: No report.

b. Library:

- Lynn completed the emergency contact list on file at the Dickinson County Emergency Communication Center. First contact is Dan Britt, then Don Boyer and third is Lynn Teeters.
- The Kansas Reads program provided 50 books to our preschoolers.
- In November, council approved \$4,000 expenditure to replace the front door. After that approval, Lynn applied for a competitive grant thru North Central Kansas Libraries Systems. A grant to pay for the front door in full was received due to security issues. Since the grant pays for the door, we can apply the \$4,000 to replace the back door next year.

c. Fire Department:

- Truck #612, the 1987 Smeal with a Ford F700 chassis, was at MHC for brake repair. Estimated repair cost is \$8,000. Parts are unavailable and the truck isn't worth repairing. The Chief recommends selling this truck and start looking for a replacement truck. New trucks could cost \$300,000 or more. New trucks have a two-year lead time. A used 2019 model was found for around \$260,000 but it is on hold for another department. We can't wait any longer to replace Truck #612. It was scheduled for replacement after Truck #615 was paid for but the swimming pool needed remodeled, so the funds were spent there instead.

Motion by Kirby to declare Truck #612 as surplus property, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Kirby to authorize the Fire Chief to sell the truck out right or on Purple Wave Auction, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- The slide-in pump and tank on Truck #611 will be removed to make way for the cascade and CAFS with the bed rebuild authorized earlier in the year. It is no longer useful to the department. Motion by Hemmy to declare the slide-in pump and tank as surplus property and authorize the Fire Chief to negotiate the sale of no less than \$4,000, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Santa Day will be December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to Noon. The department Christmas party will be that evening at 6:30 pm. Council is invited to attend.
- High winds continue to force us into a burn ban.
- The department responded to 13 calls in November:  
In the city: 3 medical; 1 vehicle accident; 2 training; 1 cancelled call  
In the county: 3 medical; 1 vehicle accident; 2 cancelled calls

d. Maintenance Department:

- Don had knee replacement surgery today. He is doing well and will return to work in 8 weeks.
- The storm siren located at the swimming pool quit working. Table Rock Alerting Systems diagnosed it as a lightning strike. The Sentry siren is a 1983 model and has lasted this longer with virtually no maintenance. A new siren will have radio controls and battery backup. The new siren will be relocated to the community garden park. Installation will be in February 2023. The siren and installation are \$28,650. Insurance

**5. STAFF REPORTS – continued**

has paid \$16,150. Motion by Bush to approve purchase from Table Rock Alerting System at \$14,300 turn-key, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- Quotes were obtained for replacement windows at City Hall. They are 29 years old and have developed air leaks. The wood sashes are starting to rot.

Pella Windows	\$7,414
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Glass Services	5,622
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Council would like to see quotes from a few more vendors. Motion by Kohman to table to January meeting, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- Quotes were obtained for an air-vacuum excavation system:

Vacmasters	\$41,175
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Ring-O-Matic	63,330
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Motion by Bush to approve purchase of Vacmaster unit at \$41,175 with a 3-year lease purchase agreement with First Bank, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Dan wants to have a 11x12 ft garage door installed on the east side of the shop to house the air-vacuum unit. Cheney Door quoted \$5,729 for the door and installation. Motion by Bush to purchase garage door from Cheney Door not to exceed \$4,800, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- The 1993 bucket/service truck is worn out. This truck holds the compressor and generator and is the first response vehicle on water leaks. New trucks are around \$215,000. DSO Electric will be decommissioning a unit that may work for our needs and would be a significant savings over new price. The truck will need to be inspected. Motion by Hemmy to table to the January meeting, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Staff met with Kristy Davis, Kansas State Director of USDA Rural Development. She wants to assist the city in financing the water improvement project and seeing what type of grants are available. CES Engineering will be finishing the preliminary engineering report and North Central Regional Planning Commission will assist in preparing the application.

e. City Clerk:

- If council would like to make a donation to the Operation Gorilla Project, let the clerk know.
- The city attorney has reviewed the nuisance code and zoning regulations related to storage of inoperable vehicles in residential zoning districts. City code allows storage of inoperable vehicles so long as the vehicles are screened from public view and prohibits ready access by children. The zoning code states a salvage yard in residential districts allows for no more than two unlicensed vehicles in the process of restoration. The city code and zoning regulations offer conflicting approaches to inoperable vehicles. After much discussion, council would like to enforce the city nuisance code and amend the zoning regulations to conform to city code. The city attorney will work on this.

**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 November 7, 2022
- b. Check detail
- c. Fund Balance
- d. General Contractor License for: McGownGordon Construction
- e. Renewal of Retail Liquor License for: Caveman Liquor LLC

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Hemmy, seconded by Bush, 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 7:30 pm by Bush, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays.  
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Hunter McMillen  
Mayor

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Dana Eye, CMC  
City Clerk