

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**April 3, 2023 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, Brian Duryea, Billy Hemmy, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin

Others Present: Sheriff Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker, Stacey Zerbe,  
Dan Winingham, Don Hellwig, Justin Coup

**2. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The April Activity Log was reviewed. There were 248 hours and 63 calls in Solomon for the month including 27 traffic stops, 1 traffic accident, 1 abandoned vehicle, 5 suspicious activity reports, 6 speak with officer, 3 domestic disturbances, 2 thefts, 3 court order violations, 1 civil matter, 2 arrests, 2 juvenile complaints, 1 animal complaint, 1 animal bite, 1 escort, 1 welfare check, 2 alarms and 2 VIN inspections.

Sheriff Davis departed the meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Justin Coup, superintendent of USD #393, updated the council on their building projects. The progress on the new buildings is ahead of schedule. The HVAC system is delayed due to a computer chip that is not available until August. A storm shelter for 356 people will be installed. The new gym floor that was replaced has been completed. The commons area has been remodeled and will hold 450 people. It will be available to rent for certain functions. The new day care facility was financed with a grant from the Community Foundation and Dickinson County Commission. Day care openings are limited to 24.
- b. The Professional Service Agreement between the City of Solomon and North Central Regional Planning Commission to provide the City with assistance with KDHE on upcoming water distribution improvements project was reviewed. Motion by Bush to approve Agreement in the amount of \$14,250, seconded by Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- c. The May council meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Festival Committee: No report.

**5. STAFF REPORTS - continued**

b. Swim Pool:

- The pool manager wants to change the hours the pool is open due to availability of lifeguards in the evening hours. Council agreed the hours are as follows:

Open Swim: Noon to 6 pm

Adult Swim: 6 pm to 7 pm

Saturday: 1 pm to 7 pm

Sunday: 2 pm to 7 pm

King Solomon Camp: 5 pm to 6 pm

- The pool is fulling staffed.

c. Planning & Zoning:

- The commission hasn't met due to lack of agenda items.
- The commission has a vacancy for a member that resides outside city limits.

Justin Coup and Stacey Zerbe departed the meeting.

d. Fire Department:

- Truck #611 was dropped off at Watts Manufacturing this morning. The truck will be out of service for 3 weeks.
- The Chief has been looking at a used military 6x6 chassis instead of a new chassis to use for the new fire truck. Instead of a two year wait, we could have the truck within a year. Savings with the military chassis over new is estimated at \$100,000. Council agreed to pursue this option.
- Harbor Freight has a donation program for first responders. The Chief applied and received a \$300 gift card.
- The City of Abilene has asked the department to bring the safety trailer to Abilene for their Easter egg hunt. All public safety groups participate in this every year.
- The department responded to 10 calls in March:  
In the city: 7 medical calls; 1 false alarm  
In the county: 2 fire calls

e. Maintenance Department:

- The surplus items have been listed on Purple Wave. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the auction date.
- The hydrovac trailer has been assembled and is ready to use.
- Dan and Don attended the KRWA conference. Both received wastewater hours for recertification.
- The ditch south of town was burned. There were lots of little mulberry trees growing in the ditch.
- West Main Street and East First Street have been rocked.
- Pothole patching will begin at the end of the week.
- Chris Glavin has resigned his position. His last day will be April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**5. STAFF REPORTS - continued**

f. City Clerk:

- City wide garage sales will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The pet clinic went well. The city sold 97 tags at \$318. The vet vaccinated 205 pets.
- Dickinson County Economic Development provided an update for the first year of their five-year plan. Housing is the number one priority and Solomon is planning to add 30 single-family homes and 40 multi-family homes.  
The second priority is childcare. Solomon has 50 new childcare slots.  
The third priority is work force. More than 400 well-paying jobs throughout the county have been identified as needing filled.
- The Clerk is working on setting up a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to consider a special use permit to allow full-time daycare on property owned the school district.

g. Community Garden:

- The committee met on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don Hellwig was elected Chairman.
- The Solomon Community Garden Rental Guidelines and Procedures were updated.

**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 minutes dated March 6, 2023
- b. Check detail
- c. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Hemmy, seconded by Kirby, 5 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 6:50 pm by Bush, seconded by Kirby, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.  
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Hunter McMillen  
Mayor

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Dana Eye, CMC  
City Clerk