

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**June 5, 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, Brian Duryea, Billy Hemmy, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: Ann Bush

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin, Tammy Shank

Others Present: Sheriff Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker, Don Boyer,  
Dan Winingham, Dara Robertson, Mary Flora, Lynn Teeters, Pat Brehm

**2. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The May Activity Log was reviewed. There were 223 hours and 44 calls in Solomon for the month including 15 traffic stops, 3 traffic complaints, 2 suspicious activity reports, 4 speak with officer, 2 burglaries, 1 trespassing, 1 disorderly subject, 1 harassment, 1 threat, 1 damage to property, 1 court order violation, 1 juvenile complaint, 3 animal complaints, 1 citizen check, 1 open door, 1 utility call, 2 alarms and 1 VIN inspection.

Sheriff Davis departed the meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Dan Winingham, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, is having a Planning & Zoning meeting tomorrow to discuss the inoperable vehicle code in the zoning regulations. 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.

Dan is asking for direction from the city council. After much discussion, a consensus was reached. Two inoperable vehicles can be stored either inside a building or enclosed by an intact fence.

b. A municipal lease resolution authorizing execution and delivery of a municipal lease agreement between First Bank and the City of Solomon needs to be approved for the retrofit of Fire Truck #611. Motion by Duryea to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Pat Brehm with the Quality of Life Coalition presented a grant opportunity for commercial tobacco-free outdoor public spaces. The \$14,000 grant is provided by BlueCross BlueShield Pathways for a Healthy Kansas. The first step is for the Mayor to sign a pledge to participate. Motion by Kohman to enter into the pledge, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

c. The July council meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Pat Brehm departed the meeting.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

a. Senior Center:

- The Center serves 14 to 20 people daily, either in-house or delivery.
- The facility is well used by card players.
- Everything is going well.

b. Library:

- If the city receives the BlueCross BlueShield Pathways grant for tobacco-free outdoor public spaces, Lynn would like signage for the Library.
- The six-week summer reading program will start soon. All Together Now is the theme this year. Caylee Cook has been hired to assist with the reading program.
- Memorial money has been spent on books, an atomic clock and a storage cabinet. The Library wants to refurbish the flag pole with a solar light in Connie Avery's memory.

c. Swim Pool:

- There were 33 swim passes sold in the first two weeks of opening.
- There are two sessions of swimming lessons that are filling up quickly.
- The pool has problems with juveniles vaping or smoking.
- Graffiti has been found on picnic tables, but it cleans up easily.
- Dara stated that Stacey has done research on other municipal pool wages. Bennington is comparable to Solomon and their rate of pay is \$10 per hour for starting lifeguards. Stacey is recommending \$10 starting wage and \$1 per hour raise for returning lifeguards.

Dara Robertson departed the meeting.

d. Fire Department:

- Truck #611 is still waiting on parts to finish the retrofit job.
- The bid specifications for new the truck was reviewed. This will be a multi-function truck: pumper to replace Truck #112 that was sold; tanker to haul water; wildland truck to fight wildland fires. This will take the stress off Truck #614 (1971 military grass truck).

The quote from January 2022 was \$163,744 truck and \$125,000 chassis, for a total of \$288,744. This was with a two-year lead time for the chassis.

The city attorney will review the notice to bidders. Sealed bids will be accepted until August 7, 2023 at Noon.

- The first responders need a stokes basket to carry patients downstairs or outside on uneven surfaces. Motion by Kirby to purchase stokes (litter) basket from Municipal Emergency Supplies for \$1,192, seconded by Hemmy, 3 Yeas, 1 Nay. Motion carried.
- The department responded to 15 calls in May:

In the city: 6 medical calls; 1 fire call

In the county: 6 medical calls; 2 fire calls

**5. STAFF REPORTS - continued**

e. Maintenance Department:

- There are 3 trees and 12 tree stumps that need to be removed from the city park. Motion by Hemmy to hire Burt's Tree Service for total of \$3,200 to remove trees and stumps, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried. The city will remove the tree debris and put dirt back in the holes. This will be done prior to the Solomon Festival.
- There will be no street chip sealing this year. Chip rock is not available at the quarries. Poplar Street from Main to 7<sup>th</sup> Street is concrete. This street will have large cracks mastic sealed. 4<sup>th</sup> Street from east city limits to west city limits will be crack sealed with hot pour rubberized crack sealer. Motion by Hemmy to hire Pavement Pros LLC to do the work on Poplar and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets, not to exceed \$34,000, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- In 2018 the city council worked with North Central Regional Planning Commission on a capital improvement plan for infrastructure, equipment and facilities. Dan would like a 10-year plan developed to plan and budget for these capital improvements. The Planning & Zoning Commission will help prioritize the projects for each city department.
- The ice machine has been moved from the pool to the fire station.

f. City Clerk:

- The city received a flyer from the Solomon Festival. It details a sponsorship opportunity for this event. A copy was distributed to council members.
- EMC Insurance sent a dividend payable to participants in the Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance Program for April 2022 to April 2023. The dividend check amount was \$11,507.82.
- We would like to change the utility billing to be mailed out on postcards instead of paper and envelopes. A cost savings of \$2,230 per year can be realized using postcards. This will be implemented as soon as possible.

**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 May 1, 2023
- b. Check detail
- c. Treasurer's Report
- d. Appointments to REC Board: Carson Jackson

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Kirby, seconded by Duryea, 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

Dan Britt, Aaron Martin, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker, Don Boyer, Mary Flora, Dan Winingham and Lynn Teeters departed the meeting.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Duryea moves the city council recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss individual city employees' wages and the hiring of a candidate for Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer, based upon the need to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The meeting will resume in this room at 8:00 pm, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Dana Eye and Tammy Shank attended this session.

In open session, the following wages were acted upon:

New lifeguard starting wage: \$9.25 per hour

Lifeguards: \$1.00 per hour increase

R. Shirack (Assistant Manager hours worked): \$1.00 per hour increase

Robertson (Manager hours worked): \$1.00 per hour increase

Motion to approve above wage increases by Kohman, seconded by Hemmy, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Hemmy to hire Krista Radke as Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer with a starting wage of \$16.75, seconded by Kohman, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**9. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm by Hemmy, seconded by Kirby, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Hunter McMillen  
Mayor

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Dana Eye, CMC  
City Clerk