

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
July 1, 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: Colten Kohman, Kelley Vandecreek, Jennifer Cross,

Council Absent: Shawn Kirby, Brian Duryea

Staff Present: Dan Britt, Randy Paden, Andrea McCook, Krista Radke, Dave Hasker

Others Present: Chris Ade, Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, Jessica Goodale, Kalen Robison, Kipton Robison, Jackie Hynes, Stacey Zerbe, Curtis Boyer, Holly Smith

Approval of the Agenda for July 1, 2024, City Council Meeting

Motion by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Public comments:

1. Holly Smith spoke to the council. She stated she had come to the council last year at this time and does see some of the changes that were made but she is still wanting the pool to be open later every night. She stated that with the temperature being in the 100's that children need a pool to go to. She has started a petition that the pool changes its hours.
2. Kalen Robison introduced himself to the council. He is running for Dickinson County Sheriff. He lived in Solomon growing up and just wanted us to be able to put a face with the name.
3. Jessica Goodale also introduced herself to the council. She is Executive Director of Dickinson County Economic development. She shared a handout and that they were looking for all DK Co. patrons to fill out a survey on child care in DK Co.

3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS

1. Dan Britt was recognized for 25 years of service to the City of Solomon. He was presented an engraved crystal award. Mayor Gray thanked him for all he does for our city.
2. Planning & Zoning- Curtis Boyer is the new Planning & Zoning chairman. They've had a couple of meetings and added a new board member. They've decided to first focus on RV's.
3. Pool- Stacey Zerbe reported that they just finished the first session of swim lessons. They had 50 kids. They have 40 kids signed up for the second session. July 4th hours will be 12-4. Pool will close early July 19th for the Solomon parade and July 30th for the Abilene parade. Wednesday night family nights will continue with the last one being August 7th. Pool will close August 11th. The dive-in movie held on June 29th had around 100 people attend. Hours have increased this year with the family nights and not closing for King Solomon Camp. Attendance and revenue figures are up over the prior year..
4. Solomon Festival- Jackie Hynes gave an update on the festival to be held July 19th & 20th. This year's theme is "Aloha, Small Town Paradise". Friday they'll have the baby beauty contest, hometown showdown, parade and karaoke and fire dancers to end the night. Saturday they'll have the traditional schedule until 3:00 with Sunset Sinners that evening at street dance. Whoever finds the hidden medallion this year will receive \$250

5. Dickinson County Sheriff - Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for June 2024
70 Calls / 239 Hours:
17 traffic stops, 5 traffic complaint, 4 domestic, 2 welfare check, 2 park check, 2 theft, 2 traffic accident, 1 burglary, 1 damage to property, 1 fire-vehicle, 1 VIN inspection, 7 suspicious activity, 13 speak with an officer, 1 alarm, 1 disorderly, 1 fire-vehicle
1 lost/found property, 1 outside agency assist, 1 transport, 1 animal complaint, 1 arrest, 2 civil issue/standby.
 6. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported that they've been getting the cabin set up to serve hamburgers at the festival. Garrett Bledsoe is a new firefighter. Motion made by Colton to have Garrett added to the department. Jennifer Cross seconded. 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Chief Paden said they have started to order the 800mHz radios for the county wide radio upgrade. All radios will be purchased with the sales tax money that is being collected. Then the radios will be property of the department.
10 calls in June
In The City - 4 - Med Calls & 2 - Fire, 1 fire presentation at the library
In The County - 1 Med Call & 1 - Fire
Out of district- 1 vehicle accident
 7. Building Inspector- Dave Hasker - Dave reported that J.C. Builders is building 3 new homes. He's working with Sunbelt on their new fence and also looking into the fence on Poplar and what needs to be done with that.
 8. Public Works Director- Dan Britt reported that the pool has been having a few issues such as, electrical issues, pool pump, epoxy paint coming loose in spots on bottom of pool, and a plugged urinal in the boys bathroom. It was decided to wait on having a plumber come fix that until after the pool closes for the season. They have started to work on the volleyball net and are doing some research on height and width needed. Dan presented a quote from Bobcat for a Smooth PowerTilt. This will help clean the ditches and will come out of the storm drainage fund. He also presented a quote on trash cans for main street. Both of these items were tabled for the next work session.
 6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook reported that she met with the accountant last week and started reviewing budget information. She presented the 2025 budget summary. Craig's recommendation was to have the 2025 proposed mill rate at 61.617. The council discussed and agreed to have Andrea notify the county that we'd be exceeding the RNR. Budget hearing will be set for September 9, 2024. Austin Masters from USDA called and said we received funding for our loan for the water project. We will receive notification after July 4th. Andrea also stated that she attended the KDHE Kansas Water Plan Regional meeting in Salina last week and learned about the regional water needs, priorities and recommendations of funding, and improving state capacity and management.
- Krista Radke reported that Municipal Court was held On 6/20/24 @ 4:00 P.M.
22 Cases presented: 6 - First Appears, 1 - 30 Day Letters sent. 2 dismissed.
7 - Pay or Appear - 1 FTA, and 1 BW issued, 1 restitution due.
7 - Status cases - 3 traffic & 4 criminal
1 - Trial: Criminal charges- Driving while suspended

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Code Compliance Procedure. Aaron Martin presented a flowchart on a process for abating public nuisances (trash, grass, dangerous, cars) Statutes say the city can abate those at a minimum following state law. 10 days written notice will be given to the property owner. This can be hand delivered or sent by certified mail. The owner can then get rid of nuisance or appeal after the 10 days. If the owner is trying to fix the problem

- they can be given more time. Aaron stated that Solomon has an extra provision 8-208 and that he recommends amending that to streamline the process.
2. Water Survey Project. 231 out of the 504 water surveys have been completed. Krista will get a list of who we need and provide at our next workshop.
 3. Water Infrastructure Project. CES invoices were presented and discussed. Motion by Colton Kohman to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
 4. Water Rate Review. Mayor Gray e-mailed council members and staff billing rates from around the state to look at for the next workshop. The council can then engage with Aaron Martin for new rates and approve at the August meeting.
 5. Pickleball Court. Quote from McConnell & Associates was reviewed. The council discussed the quote options and potential modifications that would need to be made to the fence. Council decided to proceed with only two items in the quote at thi time - court resurfacing and court divider. This approval is contingent upon the acceptance of the Pathways grant modification. Motion by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
 6. Employee Recognition. The new employee recognition program was presented and discussed. Motion by Jennifer Cross to approve the program, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
 7. Committee Appointments. Stan Razak would like to continue on the Housing Authority Board. Motion made by Colton Kohman to approve this. Seconded by Kelley VanDeCeek, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried
 8. Accounts Payable. Credit card limits were discussed. The city will do more research on who all has cards and their current limits and provide that information to the council at the next workshop.
 9. Holiday Closure. The city will be closing Friday, July 5th. Motion was made by Colton Kohman, Kelley VanDeCreek seconded, 3 yays, 0 nays

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

- (1) Approval of minutes dated June 3, 2024
- (2) Approval of special meeting minutes dated 6/24/24
- (3) Fund Balance

A motion by Kelley VanDeCreek to approve Consent Agenda with the removal of check detail, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brandy Gray reported that she went to the Sr. Center to look at updates from their \$3,600 grant. She thanked all the staff for their help with recent projects. Jennifer reported that all Welcome Bags were delivered and up to date. Colton shared that a citizen may be interested in installing lights on poles on the basketball court.

8. CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday, July 16th AT 6 PM - Planning & Zoning Meeting
Monday, July 29th At 6 PM - City Council Work Session
Monday, August 5th AT 6 PM - City Council Meeting

9. **ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 3 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:

Attest:



Brandy Gray
Mayor



Andrea McCook
City Clerk