

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**August 5, 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, Jennifer Cross, Shawn Kirby, Brian Duryea

Council Absent: Kelley VanDeCreek

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

Others Present: Chris Ade, Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, Andrew Toolin, Chris Cease, Jason Jenkins, Cindy Jenkins, Ben Hobbs

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

Motion by Colten Kohman, seconded by Brian Duryea, 34 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none this month.

**3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS**

1. Pool-Stacey Zerbe was absent but sent a report for Brandy to read. The pool season has been going well with great numbers. Two lifeguard positions will be open next year. She'd like us to advertise early. Next season they might need a new umbrella and some new lane ropes. Pool will close August 11th. There is not not enough staff available to extend this season.
3. Solomon Housing Authority- Jaelyn Ecton was absent and will be moved to September.
4. Dickinson County Sheriff- Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for July 2024. 8 traffic stops, 2 domestic, 1 welfare check, 1 park check, 2 traffic accident, 8 suspicious activity, 4 speak with an officer, 3 alarm, 2 lost/found property, 3 animal complaints, 3 arrests, 7 open door, 3 traffic complaints, 3 vehicle inspections, 2 motorist assist, 2 harassment, 2 business checks, 1 noise.

Jerry Davis then introduced Andrew Toolin, DEU, K-9 to speak on the tag readers that were installed in Solomon. The cameras installed were Leonardo ELSAG license plate readers. They've had great results with these readers. Law enforcement is the only group with access to these. Patrol deputies can get a live alert shot. They can't monitor speed. There are no Flock cameras in Solomon. When choosing where to place the reader they looked at the most immediate route to get into town. There was no cost to the City of Solomon to have these. 0\$ tax dollars were spent on them. The first tag reader installed in Dickinson County was 7 years ago. Surrounding counties have been installing tag readers and all across the state of Kansas as well.

5. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported that the festival was a success. They didn't sell as many burgers. A couple of the firefighters helped at the Demolition Derby in Abilene the last couple of nights. Randy talked to Watts Manufacturing about our new truck. He is waiting on International for a delivery update. He is guessing that the chassis should be delivered next year and the truck should be completed by next year. Pump and drafting training at the pool will be done at the pool after it closes August 11th. Chapman has asked if we could bring our safety trailer over to their Labor Day Festival. He will check to see if he can find a couple of people to take it over. Wednesday all SCBA packs will be tested and everyone's SCBA mask will be fit tested to the firefighter. These are the airpacks they wear when in a fire or hazardous environment.

#### 8 CALLS IN JULY

In The City - 4 - Med Calls

In The County - 2 Med Call & 2 vehicle accidents

January-June 2024 62 calls. 44 calls in the city consisting of 32 med calls, 2 grass fires, 2 gas leaks, 1 MVA, 3 false alarms, 1 smoke removal, 1 cooking fire, 2 storm spotting.

Lincoln Township had 16 calls consisting of 4 med calls, 2 MVA, 1 vehicle fire, 4 gas fires, 2 gas leaks, 1 power line down, 1 building fire, 1 false alarm.

2 calls out of district a false alarm and a med call.

7. Building Inspector- Dave Hasker - No report given.
8. Public Works Director- Dan Britt reported that the storm shelter signs were installed at the Methodist Church. They started flushing hydrants last week and one of the valves broke on one and they lost approximately 35,000 gallons of water. He's currently waiting on parts to come in to try and fix in the next week or two. It can still be used in the meantime if needed. The City will alert the citizens when the fix is being done, as it will shut down about ¼ of the town during that time. They are almost done with the Houser property. There is just 1 roll off remaining. American Family Insurance out of Ellsworth has contacted Dan about the Senior Citizen Center damage. An agent is working on it. They will get pics and estimates soon. Storm damage from last week was minimal compared to Salina. They loaded one dumptruck full of debris and took it to the dump. The Dump Truck has been built and is in Texas. Its estimated arrival time will be early 2025.
6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook reported that new business cards had been ordered and picked up today. Andrea has created a google calendar with Council Meeting dates, anniversaries, birthdays, and other committee meetings. A google invite has been sent to everyone to join. The Garden Board will be meeting this week.

Krista Radke reported that Municipal Court was held On 7/18/24 @ 4:00 P.M.

16 Cases presented: 3 - First Appears, 6 - Pay or Appear

5 - Status cases - continued from last month

2 - Trials: Same Person- No DL dismissed with prejudice; drive while suspended plead no contest, found guilty, had to serve 5 days in jail and pay \$410 fine Criminal charges- Driving while suspended

Next court date 8/15/24 at 4:00

#### **4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Water Utility- Discussion on changing the minimum of 2,000 gallons to 1,000. Rates will be changed in January. Motion made by Brian Duryea to approve ordinance 767. Seconded by Shawn Kirby. 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
2. Water Survey Project- Krista has created a spreadsheet with a list of all surveys still needed. Each council member is to reach out to 10 to fill it out. These are due October 16th. The surveys can be done online or on paper.
3. Code Enforcement- Aaron went over the 2 new proposed ordinances. 1 was to amend nuisances and 1 for inoperable vehicles. Now the public officer can take action after 2 written complaints. The owner can fix or appeal. Motion by Colten Kohman to approve Ordinance 768, seconded Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Motion made by Shawn Kirby to approve ordinance 769, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 5 yays, 0 nays. Motion carried.
4. Code Review-Breed ban- Vicious dog ordinance will be moved to discuss at next City Workshop.
5. Approve Credit Card limits. Motion by Brian Duryea, seconded by Colten Kohman to approve the new credit card limits of: \$2500 for Dan Britt, Andrea McCook, & Krista Radke. \$1,000 for Randy Paden & Don Boyer. \$500 for Mike Robinson, Dalton Bledsoe & Christ Ade, 3 Yays, 4 Nays. Motion Carried.

- b. Approve purchase of equipment. Storm runs has sufficient runs to cover the purchase. Motion by Jennifer Cross to approve the purchase of Bobcat power tilt, seconded by Colton Kohman, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
7. Comprehensive Plan Review- All council members were asked to go through and highlight what they think needs looked at and cross through ones that are no longer relevant. Please turn these into the office prior to the workshop.
8. Consider Ransom Financial Services for Zoning & Subdivision Regulations. Aaron Martin stated that he strongly recommends doing this for quality control and it eliminates confusion. Motion was made by Jennifer Cross, Shawn Kirby seconded to purchase them for \$1,500, 4 yays, 0 nays.
9. Accept Dave Hasker resignation. Motion was made by Shawn Kirby, Brian Duryea seconded, 4 yays, 0 nays. Shawn Kirby made a motion to re-assign the Public Officer Position to Andrea McCook, Jennifer Cross seconded, 4 yays, 0 nays. Motion carried. Dave Hasker will finish with KanEquip and City will begin looking for a Building Inspector.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

- (1) Approval of minutes dated July 1, 2024
- (2) Check Detail- June & July
- (3) Fund Balance
- (4) License Approvals- Groundworks & B&G Roofing, LLC

A motion by Brian Duryea to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Colten Kohman, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**7. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Brandy Gray gave a shout out to everyone for their work on the Solomon Festival this year. Everyone came together as a united front. It was nice to have the City have a float in the parade this year.


Jennifer Cross has enjoyed the pools being open Wednesday evenings.

**8. CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Tuesday, August 20th AT 6 PM - Planning & Zoning Meeting
- Monday, August 26th At 6 PM - City Council Work Session
- Monday, September 9th AT 6 PM - City Council Meeting

- 9. ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 7:01 PM by Colten Kohman, seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:

  
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Brandy Gray  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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Andrea McCook  
City Clerk