

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
September 9, 2024, at 6:15 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Brandy Gray called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Jennifer Cross, Brian Duryea, Kelley Vandecreek, Colten Kohman

Council Absent: None

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

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, Michelle Homman, Jaelyn Ecton, Jeri Richards, Chris Ade, Craig Dassow.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Motion by Jennifer Cross to approve the agenda, seconded by Shawn Kirby, 5 Yays, 0

Nays. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

There were none this month.

3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS

1. Solomon Housing Authority- Jaelyn Ecton reported they will be full next month. They have 18 1 bedroom rooms and 2 2-bed rooms. There is a waiting list. Preference is given to the elderly and disabled. They follow HUD regulations. Twin Valley will be going through their property when they are doing the rest of the City and their service will be available for the residents. They currently have one opening for a board member. Brandy thanked Jaelyn for coming and wants to keep the line of communication open between Solomon Housing Authority and the City. Kelley will be the council liaison. Jaelyn was asked to get Andrea dates of their meetings and minutes.

2. Senior Center-Michelle Homman reported everything is going well at the Senior Center. She would like to see counts even higher though. Repair hasn't started on the west side yet but it is sealed up. Michelle would like to have a handicap sign to put up by the back door parking. She would also like Dan to look into getting a push button for the back door. Their ARPA money the received through Manhattan was used for new trim, paint, new blinds and curtains this summer. Michelle reported they meet the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00. Shawn will be the Senior council liaison.

3. Dickinson County Sheriff- Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for August 2024. 17 traffic stops, 1 domestic, 2 welfare checks, 6 suspicious activity, 5 speak with an officer, 4 alarm, 1 animal complaint, 3 open door, 2 motorist assist, 2 noise, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 suicidal/psychiatric emergency, 1 code blue, 1 citizen check, 3 utility, 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 outside agency assist, 1 disorderly. They had 53 calls with 247.75 hours.

4. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported their VFA Grant was approved for 2 new headsets and will be split 50/50 the cost, so our total will be \$983. Kelley moved to amend the agenda to add this as business item 5.F. Brian seconded. 5 yays, 0 nays. Motion carried. All packs were tested since last month.

16 calls in August

In The City - 9 - Med Calls

In The County - 3 Med Call, 1 grass, 2 demo nights, 1 accident

5. Public Works Director- Dan Britt reported they have sealed up the Senior Center damage and are waiting on Wildcat Construction to come and start repairs. He will have a plumber come to the pool and look at the urinal and proceed with fixing it. The bottom of the pool needs to be looked at now that it's emptied. Dan sent pictures to Valley Center and they will come and physically look at it. His crew has started taking down chain link fence to prepare for the new pickleball court. They also chopped down 3 trees and will get bids for grinding down the stumps.

All of the hydrants have been flushed. The truck chassis is in Salina. Andrea is working with Alex with 1st Bank on the lease purchase. It could take up to 7 weeks to completion. There have been continued lift station issues that have required them taking the pumps apart to clean out and fix. They've found reinforced towels and other debris that is causing this. One Source Utility will begin boring in town September 16th.

6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook reported that the KWO Grant application was successfully submitted last Friday. The city was notified that they couldn't receive both a design and construction grant in the same round. Awards will begin January 2025. Since we'll be finished with the design by that date it was recommended by NRCPC to apply for funds for the next phase which is construction.

7. Municipal Services Clerk- Krista Radke reported that Municipal Court was held On 8/15/24 @ 4:00 P.M.

19 Cases on the docket: 0- First Appears, 5 - Pay or Appear

11 - Status cases - continued from last month

3 - Trials: Criminal charges- 2 Domestic Battery and 1 attempted battery

No court the month of September with Judge Barker being out of town.

Next court date 10/17/24 at 4:00

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

(1) Approval of minutes dated August 5, 2024

(2) Approve special meeting minutes dated August 26, 2024.

(3) Fund Balance & Check Detail

(4) License Approvals- Ryan Roofing & Vision Construction

A motion by Shawn Kirby to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Brian Duryea,

5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Water Utility- Further discussion on the Utility Software upgrade. Jayhawk will pay for half of the fee and us the other \$750. This will help provide E-bills and ACH payments. It will include a new interface for Krista to post payments. Motion made by Brian Duryea to approve the purchase of the Utility Software update. Seconded by Colten Kohman. 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

2. Water Survey Project- Staff has been making a push to have these completed the last few weeks. Several were turned in today. We will have an updated total by our workshop and a plan for completion by the September 16 due date.

3. Water Infrastructure Project. Consider CES Group Invoice. Motion by Colten Kohman to approve CES invoice, seconded Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays.

4. Code Review-Section 2-125 Domestic chickens and ducks allowed by permit reviewed. There have been several complaints filed about roosters being heard in the city. Also, there are several missing their yearly chicken permit. Andrea will highlight some of the main points in the code book regarding chickens and send to Jackie Hynes for an informational post to all citizens. The City will then begin inspections and delivering citations.

5. Sports court project-

A. Accept Community Foundation Grant. Motion by Jennifer Cross to accept Community Foundation Grant, seconded by Brian Duryea, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Sports Court Project/Timeline/Colors. The council has decided to with green and two blues. Motion to approve Sports Court Timeline and colors was made by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Colten Kohman. 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. Approve headsets for Fire Department- Council members reviewed the information given by Randy for the Headset Grant. Kelley VanDeCreek moved to approve the purchase of the headsets. Jennifer Cross seconded. 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brian Duryea moved the city council recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss the subject of hiring and wages for a prospective City employee, based upon the need to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in this room at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek. 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7. HR RELATED MATTERS

1. Consider Employment of Bill Rogers, Part-time Building Inspector. Motion made by Shawn Kirby to appoint Bill Rogers as Building Inspector, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
2. Appoint Krista Radke, Court Clerk. Motion made by Colten Kohman to appoint Krista Radke as Court Clerk, Shawn Kirby seconded, 5 Yays, 0 Nays, Motion carried.

8. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brandy Gray and a couple of the EDC members visited KanEquip opening day to welcome them to Solomon and take them a plant. Brandy also attended the monthly senior center meeting to update them on some current city updates and projects.

9. CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday, September 17th AT 6 PM - Planning & Zoning Meeting
Monday, September 30th At 6 PM - City Council Work Session
Monday, October 7th AT 6 PM - City Council Meeting

10. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 5 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:



Brandy Gray
Mayor

Attest:



Andrea McCook
City Clerk