

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
February 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:00 PM

Mayor Brandy Gray called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Britt, Tammy Shank, Krista Radke

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker, Aaron Martin, Don Hellwig, Jessica Divilbiss, Dave Hasker, Lloyd Wharton

2. Motion to approve agenda by Shawn Kirby, seconded by Colten Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Limited to one (1) non-agenda item for 3 minutes in length per person.

Comments are not a discussion or question/answer session.

No Public Comments

4. REPORTS

1. Solomon Community Fund

Jessica Divilbiss presented information regarding the Solomon Community Fund. The endowment fund started in late 2020 with \$10K and has grown to \$50K. The 1st grant recipient was awarded to the Solomon Community Preschool. March 15, 2024, is match day. Donations received on March 15th are eligible for 100% match, up to \$5K.

2. Planning & Zoning Committee

Don Hellwig reported on the Planning & Zoning meeting held on January 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm. There was a public hearing to review the FEMA Flood Maps. The board's recommendation was to adopt Ordinance No 761 (Adoption of FEMA's Updated Floodplain Maps). Brandy asked Don about the vacancies for Leita Fritzson (her term expires in May 2024) and his term, which expires in June 2024. Don said he will continue his term.

3. Dickinson County Sheriff

Sheriff Jerry Davis presented the January activity log.

There were 241 hours and 76 calls in Solomon for the month including: 28 Traffic stops, 13 speak with officer, 8 Suspicious activity, 3 Vehicle Inspection, 3 Traffic Complaint, 2 alarm, 2 Animal Complaint, 2 Utility 1 Harassment, 1 Littering Complaint, 1 Open Door, 1 Outside agency assist, 1 School check, 1 Domestic, 1 Suicidal/Psychiatric Emergency, 1 Damage to property, 1 Traffic accident, 1 Court order violation, 1 Civil issue/standby, 1 Transport, 1 Trespassing, 1 Business check, 1 Drug investigation.

The 2023 Year-End report total calls were 729 and total hours were 2,710.50, with an average of 226 hours/month.

Jerry wanted to let the council know that if any medical prescriptions are needed for incarcerated inmates the city will be billed for reimbursement. Jerry also talked about cameras being placed in Solomon to track vehicles that come in to town and that leave town.

4. REPORTS – CONTINUED

4. Solomon Fire Department

Randy Paden, Fire Chief, wanted to make sure everyone was going to the presentation at The Achieve Arena this evening at 7:00 pm. Sunbelt Solomon is awarding the Solomon Fire Department a check for \$10K for a Fire Safety award. Brandy Gray invited all to go.

The department is going to use this generous donation to purchase 2 new AEDs for the department (our old ones are about 15 years old and not approved by the FDA any longer), new medical diagnostic equipment for First Responders, and fire prevention backpacks for the kids for Fire Prevention Week. Truck #611 we're still waiting on striping.

The department responded to 10 calls in January:

In the city: 6 medical calls

In the county: 1 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 med call, 1 Cancelled after enroute (possible MVA and it wasn't).

Out of District: 1 Cancelled after enroute (med call to address way of our district).

5. Building Inspector

Dave Hasker reported that the DS&O bathroom inspection needs to be completed. KanEquip hasn't proceeded with any new framing, due to the weather. He needs to revisit several code violations, document again and send new letters.

6. Public Works Director

- The Central Plains LLC bill came in under the cost at \$2,332.00 for the Class B CDL class Dalton Bledsoe & Mike Robinson took, I signed off on it and it was paid. Office staff received a past-due bill for \$2,332.00. This was for 20 hours, and it took 37 hours for them to complete the Class. Central Plains did 3 extra classes at no charge. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Jennifer Cross to pay the balance owed of \$2,332.00, seconded by Brian Duryea, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Maintenance has been done on all city and fire department equipment.
- McKee's did a walkthrough of the pool with Dan. City staff will sand rough spots as the pool, the pool won't survive sand blasting. Going to fix problem areas only, which there are several layers, then add a bonding agent. No cost estimates as this time.
- The pool vacuum needs to be fixed. We will need to cut out the decking and replace the plumbing underneath. The more the city can do, the more we can save. Pool staff has been using the portable vacuum. The pool will be filled earlier this year so they can prepare for any unforeseen issues. Dan suggested having the pool opening be a set date on Memorial weekend.
- The Senior Center issue with the heating and cooling at the south end room still needs to be completed.
- CES has been in the city with a survey crew marking utilities, which the city assists them with. This is being done for the Water Improvement Project.

7. City Clerk:

- Tammy Shank presented Court update. Court is held every 3rd Thursday at 4:00 in the back room of City Hall. 25 cases were presented: 9 cases - First Appears, 9 cases - Pay or Appears, 6 cases - Status, 1 case set for Trial. 5 Bench Warrants were issued, 1- 30 Day letter sent and 1- transport to jail.
- Jeff Todd, with New Century Computer, is having positive movement towards getting the phones ported.
- The city audit with Varney & Associates, CPAS, LLC is progressing.
- Emails have been updated for all city staff, mayor, and council.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion was held regarding the 2024 Law Enforcement Contract with Dickinson County. Motion by Brian Duryea to approve the 2024 Law Enforcement Contract, seconded by Jennifer Cross. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
2. Mayor Brandy Gray talked about the GAAP Waiver. Motion by Brian Duryea to accept Resolution 2024-02 GAAP Waiver, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
3. Mayor Brandy Gray discussed considering the Adoption of FEMA's Updated Floodplain Maps. Motion by Kelley VanDeCreek to approve Ordinance 761 Adoption of FEMA's Updated Floodplain Maps, seconded by Brian Duryea. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
4. Mayor Brandy Gray presented information about the revision of Firework Discharge Dates, Motion by Jennifer Cross to extend dates to match the county, July 1st – July 4 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seconded by Colten Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
5. The City Committee appointment renewal for Parks & Recreation has a term expiring. Mayor Brandy Gray reported that Kyle McCook's 4-year term expires in February 2024. Motion by Shawn Kirby to extend Kyle McCook's term to June 2028, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
6. Mayor Brandy Gray said that the staff is reviewing the city insurance policy, which shows significant increases. We are currently waiting for updated values. This will be discussed further at the council work session on February 26, 2024.
7. Mayor Brandy Gray discussed adding the monthly work sessions to the calendar. Motion by Jennifer Cross to approve the city council meeting calendar to include the monthly work sessions, seconded by Brian Duryea. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE ITEMS AND WILL BE ACTED UPON BY ONE MOTION UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE CITY COMMISSION VOTES TO REMOVE AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND SEPARATE ACTION.

1. Approval of minutes dated January 8th, 2024.
2. Check detail
3. Fund Balance
4. License Renewal
 - a. HVAC LICENSE – Comfort Heating & Air; Smith Heating & Air
 - b. PLUMBING LICENSE – Ludes Hill Plumbing
 - c. ELECTRICAL LICENSE – Will Electric
 - d. Roofing – Everett Larson Roofing

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Brian Duryea. 5 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

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7. CITY COUNCIL REPORT & CALENDAR REMINDERS

Mayor Brandy Gray went over the following list.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 7 PM – SUNBELT SOLOMON PRESENTATION TO
SOLOMON FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – CITY OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENT’S DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 6 PM – CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, MARCH 4 AT 6 PM – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

This will be tabled and discussed at the next work session on February 26, 2024.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:61 pm by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Colten Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motin carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Brandy Gray
Mayor

Tammy Shank
City Clerk