

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**SOLOMON KS 67480**  
**January 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:03 PM**

Mayor McMillen called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Ann Bush, Colten Kohman, Brian Duryea

Council Absent: Billy Hemmy

Staff Present: Dan Britt, Tammy Shank, Krista Radke

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker, Brandy Gray, Aaron Martin (by phone), Kelley VanDeCreek, Jennifer Cross, Ashley Kohman, Adalyn Kohman, Loretta McMillen, Kennedy McMillen, Andrew Gray, Stacey Zerbe, Mary Flora.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. McMillen briefly discussed the Engineers Agreement Certification from CES Group, Inc. for the Water Improvement Project that's ongoing. The probable project cost is \$7,594, 429. No other discussion.
- b. Discussion was held regarding Ordinance 760 to amend Section 13 Zoning Regulations Sewer Requirements. Motion by Kirby to amend said mentioned Ordinance 760, seconded by Duryea, 4 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- c. McMillen presented information for the \$14,000.00 BCBS Pathways Grant to a Tobacco Free City that the city received. The proposed budget of \$19,657.00 is for a Pickle Ball Court, Outdoor Sand Volleyball posts and Tobacco free signs with a \$5,657.00 grant match from the city. No further discussion.

**3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Council members Jennifer Cross and Kelley VanDeCreek were sworn into office by the City Clerk. They took their seats on the council. Brandy Gray was sworn into the mayor's office by the City Clerk. Mayor Gray presented a plaque to Hunter McMillen acknowledging his eight years of service as mayor. Hunter made departing comments. Ann Bush, Hunter, Loretta, and Kennedy McMillen departed the meeting. Mayor Gray proceeded with the meeting.

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Law Enforcement - The December Activity Log was reviewed. There were 230 hours and 66 calls in Solomon for the month including: 22 Speak with officer, 17 traffic stops, 5 suspicious activity reports, 3 Vehicle Inspection, 2 outside agency assist, 2 juvenile complaint, 2 motorist assist, 2 alarm, 2 Traffic Accident/Injuries, 1 harassment, 1 Drug Investigation, 1 Threat, 1 Traffic Accident, 1 Animal Complaint, 1 Lost/Found Property, 1 Traffic Complaint, 1 Civil Issue/standby, 1 Fight.  
Sheriff Davis presented the contract for law enforcement services for the city. It was decided to table to the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, council meeting so the new council members could have a chance to review the contract.

Sheriff Davis departed the meeting.

- b. Senior Center – Mary Flora commented there's an issue with the heating and cooling at the south end room of the senior center. Dan Britt has visited with Dode Mullen regarding this issue as well. Dan suggested blowing in some insulation to resolve the issue and be accomplished in the next couple of months. The approximate cost is \$1,500.00. The Senior Center will split that cost. Mary also indicated the back door needs weather stripping. Dan will investigate. Dode also put a new top on the front counter bar.  
Mary said meals have gone up. 4-5 community members come in to eat at the center daily and 14-20 meals are being delivered. Mary departed the meeting.

#### 4. STAFF REPORTS - CONTINUED

- c. Pool – Stacey discussed pool staff and has 1 guard returning and has several interests, but all depends on pay rate. Numerous pool concerns were addressed, and it was decided to table this item and discuss it at the council work session on January 29, 2024, at 6:00 pm.
- d. Fire Department – Randy Paden
- Truck 611 is back in service. The decals are on back order.
  - The firefighter will not be taking the EMT class now, no contract is needed.
  - The department responded to 15 calls in December:  
In the city: 6 medical calls, 2 MVA, 4 other  
In the county: 2 medical calls/vehicle accidents, 1 other
  - 2023 totals: 151 calls  
92 in Solomon  
54 in the county  
5 out of district
- e. Maintenance Department: Dan Britt
- Dalton Bledsoe & Mike Robinson passed the test for their Class B CDL. Bledsoe and Robinson have signed a 1-year contract regarding their CDL Class B license.
  - The Kansas Department of Labor inspection was on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The city had 3 items to correct. The inspection went well.
  - Dan presented information to have a 1% annual increase in the fee for connection to the waterworks system. Costs have increased significantly and there hasn't been a price increase since 2008. Information will be given to the city attorney to rewrite Ordinance 632 and to be presented to the council for consideration at the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting.
  - Dan would like to add a 15' x 13' ramp at the shop garage door. Quotes received:  
MW Construction (Mark Weaver) - \$1,600.00  
Jose Sandoval - \$2,595.00  
Moved by Duryea to hire MW Construction to construct the ramp for \$1,600.00. seconded by Kriby, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
  - KDHE & EPA Water Lead Service Line Inventory must be completed by October 16, 2024, and be 100% complete. (Surveys were mailed back in July to all water account customers).
  - McKee's is meeting with Dan regarding the issue of the pool bottom that's been flaking.
- f. City Clerk:
- Shank was notified by Jae Ecton at the Housing Authority that Audrey Dixon has resigned from the board. Ecton will notify the city when the board position is filled.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion was held to elect a council president and history indicates choosing the president has been on a rotation system. Motion by Duryea to elect Shawn Kirby as president, seconded by Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- b. Information was presented regarding Resolution 2024-01 authorizing bank signatures. Motion by Kohman to approve Resolution 2024-01, seconded by Duryea. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**5. NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

- c. Information regarding the Mayor's appointments was presented. Motion by Kirby to approve said appointments, seconded by Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- d. Brandy handed out the City Committee information sheets and gave a quick overview of what updates are needed and what committee seats that need filled.
- e. Information was presented to designate official bank & legal newspaper (Solomon State Bank & Abilene Reflector-Chronicle) was presented. Motion by Cross, seconded by Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- f. Item to Approve IRS 2024 Standard Mileage Rate .67 per mile was presented. Motion by Duryea to approve said item, seconded by Kirby. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- g. The 2024 City Holiday Schedule was presented. Motion by Kirby to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Duryea. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
- h. Mayor Gray talked about secure emails and wants to switch from Gmail to a professional email. Motion by Cross to proceed with email improvements, seconded by Kohman. 5 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion Carried.
- i. General information was given on the FEMA Floodplain review. The community area as a whole has decreased. Planning and Zoning to make recommendation to the city to consider the FEMA Floodplain Management Ordinance 761 at the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, council meeting.
- j. Mayor Gray presented the Fireworks Poll results. Discussion was held and it was decided to table the topic to the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. This topic will be discussed at the council work session on January 29, 2024.

**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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- b. Check detail
- c. Fund Balance
- d. Renewal of General Contractor License for: McCownGordon Construction; Boyd Excavating Inc; Clark Excavations; Home Resort; Smith Construction Co Inc.; Midwest Siding Inc; Wildcat Services Inc; Rutz Construction
- e. Renewal of HVAC License for: Pestinger Heating & Air Cond Inc; Doug's Heating & Air Inc; Wuthnow Heating& Air LLC; Comfort Heating & Air LLC; Callabresi Heating & Cooling; Smith Heating & Air
- f. Renewal of Plumbing License for: Superior Plumbing & Heating; Systems 4 Inc; Four Seasons Inc; Freedom Drains LLC; City Plumbing Co Inc; Terry Smith Plumbing Inc; Brian's Plumbing Inc; Modern Plumbing; Denny's Plumbing.
- g. Renewal of Electrical License for: Bruhl Electric; Precision Electrical Contractors; S&K Electric Inc; Linder Electric; Will Electric Inc; J and A Electric Inc; Frontier Electric LLC; Koffman Electric; Cassel Electric
- h. Renewal of Roofing License for: Eaton Roofing & Exteriors Inc; McGee Roofing LLC.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Duryea, seconded by Kohman. 4 Yeas, 1 Abstain. 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.

- Brian Duryea announced that the CEO of Sunbelt Solomon will be presenting a Fire Safety award to the City of Solomon Fire Department. The presentation will be held at the Achieve Arena (previously the Red Diamond) at 134 W. Main on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Council is invited to attend.
- Mayor Gray was thankful for the Christmas lights on Main Street.
- Calendar reminders – City offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day on January 15, 2024.

**8. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm by Kirby, seconded by Kohman, 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motin carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Brandy Gray  
Mayor

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Tammy Shank  
City Clerk