

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
September 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

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

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

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Ann Bush, Billy Hemmy,

Council Absent: Brian Duryea, Colten Kohman

Staff Present: Dana Eye, Dan Britt, Aaron Martin, Tammy Shank

Others Present: Sheriff Jerry Davis, Randy Paden, Chris Ade, Dave Hasker,
Dan Winingham

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT

- The August Activity Log was reviewed. There were 246 hours and 44 calls in Solomon for the month including: 17 traffic stops, 1 abandoned vehicle, 5 suspicious activity reports, 2 speak with officer, 1 theft, 1 civil matter, 1 court order violation, 3 noise, 1 park check, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 animal complaint, 6 open doors, 1 VIN inspection, 1 welfare check, 1 motorist assist, 1 arrest.

Sheriff Davis departed the meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Mary Scott with DOXA Church was not present to discuss renting the community room on a regular basis on Tuesday and Saturday evenings. The council decided that residents get priority for rental of the community room.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The October council meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm.
- b. Motion by Hemmy to adopt Ordinance No. 758 for the 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinance which reflects state legislative changes, seconded by Kirby, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- c. Motion by Bush to adopt Ordinance No. 759 for the 2023 Uniform Public Offense Code which reflects state legislative changes, seconded by Hemmy, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Senior Center – No report

b. Fire Department:

- Fire Chief Paden recommended the bid from Watts Manufacturing LLC for the Type 4 Wildland Fire Apparatus which came it at \$273,500.00. We need to contact banks for a lease-purchase agreement. Motion by Bush to accept the Watts Manufacturing LLC bid of \$273,500.00, seconded by Kirby, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Chief Paden would like to add a Knox Box for all commercial building permits.
- Truck 611 is still waiting on the rear light bar to be completed. It is to ship soon.
- The department responded to 16 calls in August:
In the city: 5 medical calls, 2 fire, 1 carbon dioxide detector, 2 school false alarms
In the county: 2 fires, 2 demo derby standbys
Out of district: 2 fires

5. STAFF REPORTS - continued

c. Maintenance Department:

- Britt reported city wide cleanup will be October 16 – 20th in conjunction with Dickinson County. The landfill will take tires at No Charge. The city will not accept tires, residents can transfer on their own.
- Well #11 is having issues and the motor and pump were replaced at a cost of \$7,000. Sargent Drilling and an electrician the city hired are currently working on a solution.
- Britt received notification that the Old 40 railroad tracks west of town will be replaced around the end of September and will take approximately one week to repair. Detour signs will be placed where necessary.
- Britt handed out two quotes for a new dump truck. The city purchased our 1987 dump truck in 1999 and it was 12 years old then. Finding a used one is impossible. Two quotes were presented:
MHC Kenworth Salina for \$159,685 for the cab and chassis
Rush Int'l for \$109,363 for the cab and Reed Company LLC for the equipment for \$50,250.
Motion by Kirby to order chassis from MHC Kenworth at \$159,685, seconded by Hemmy, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.
Motion by McMillen to order the equipment from Reed Company at \$50,250, seconded by Kirby, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

d. City Clerk – No report

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 August 7, 2023
- b. Check detail
- c. Fund Balance
- d. Renewal of General Contractor License for: Carley Construction Co

Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Hemmy, seconded by Kirby, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - Water interim financing

The public hearing was opened at 7:03 pm. Notice of public hearing was published in the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle on August 7, 2023 setting the public hearing for tonight. The City proposes to file an application with USDA Rural Development for financial assistance for improvements to the water distribution system for health and safety and to upgrade aging infrastructure.

- No written or verbal comments were received.
- Resolution No. 2023-02 authorizes the city to apply to KDHE to finance water supply and distribution system improvements and the Notice of Intent to file an application with USDA Rural Development for financial assistance. Motion by Kirby to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 as presented, seconded by Bush, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

8. 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.
None

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm by Hemmy, seconded by Kirby, 3 Yeas, 0 Nays.
Motion carried.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

Hunter McMillen
Mayor

Dana Eye, CMC
City Clerk