

ITEM 1 Call to Order, 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 Roll Call: Mayor Gibson, Trustee Brady, Trustee Cooper, Trustee Howard, Trustee Maltbie, Trustee McVey, Trustee West.

Present: Mayor Gibson

Trustee's: Ervin Maltbie, Jim Howard, Dan McVey, Trustee West.

Phone/Computer: None

Absent: Trustee Brady, Mike Cooper, (joined meeting 7:12 pm)

Guest Present: Lexi Brooks, Josh Wittler, Dahlon Billings, Keagan Gonzales,

Staff Present: Merna McGinnis, Town Manager/Treasurer

Tammy Newman, Town Clerk

Heath Piper, Electric Superintendent

Katrina Martin, Police Chief

Don Steerman, Town Attorney

ITEM 3 Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mayor Gibson

ITEM 4 Prayer, led by Trustee Maltbie

ITEM 5 Approve Minutes of the March 10, Board of Trustee's Regular Meeting.

Approve Minutes of the March 29, Board of Trustee's Special Meeting.

Trustee Howard made motion to approve minutes of the regular trustee meeting March 10, 2022 and special trustee meeting March 29, 2022. Seconded by trustee Maltbie. Motion Passed.

ITEM 6 Approve Bills

Ms. McGinnis asked for approval to pay \$4,391.00 to DBT Transportation Services, for annual service of AWOS system, understanding state will reimburse after we pay it. Sewer loan payment of \$13,350.00 paid twice a year, and electric poles that were approved from prior meeting for \$26,920.00.

Trustee McVey made motion to approve bills as presented with the additions. Seconded by Trustee West. Motion Passed.

ITEM 7 Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Anyone who would like to address the Board of Trustees on any matter other than an agenda item will be given an opportunity, 3-minute time limit each person after signing the roster.

Keagan Gonzales, 1165 Santa Fe, thanked the trustees for cleaning up on the property at 1201 Santa Fe. After two months the place looks bad again, not as bad as it was but trash is blowing everywhere again. After third (3) time at different addresses this one family has been cleaned up after, with a high cost to the town customers, there has to be some kind of solution to this problem.

Lexi Brooks, 1201 Colorado, asked trustees if she could place a free lending library in the city park. A newspaper in Kansas is donating old vintage newspaper stand(s) to put the books in. Trustees were all in agreement to the free lending library in the city park. Lexie will get in touch with the utility department on placement of stand(s).

ITEM 8 Tree Board, Kathy Self

Was not able to attend, trustees were given a report from Ms. Self. Discussion on getting donations for a new sign for memorial park. Mayor Gibson will talk to Prairie metal on costs for new sign.

ITEM 9 Ordinance No. 354

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE DEFINITION OF LANDFILL AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 17-31 OF THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 7-31 TOWN LANDFILL ("DUMP" RULES REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS).

Mayor Gibson read title for second read with correction to title 7-31 not 17-31. Trustee West made motion to approve ordinance No. 354 with correction, to title. Second by Trustee Howard. Yes: Trustee McVey, Trustee Maltbie, Trustee Howard, Trustee West, Mayor Gibson.

No: None

Motion Passed

ITEM 10 Landfill Discussions

With limited time Mayor Gibson, Ms. McGinnis and Ms. Newman have not been able to get together and work on proposals for the landfill.

Mr. Piper had worked up a proposal on cost and income sheet to share with trustees. After some research on a 2-acre cell, charging all customers to enter landfill and pay per pound. Town would have to have purchase scales, building, and run electricity to landfill. Could lower the monthly maintenance fee to town customers.

Lots of discussion on alternative cover and machine to apply the alternative cover.

Ms. McGinnis gave trustees a report that had been done in 2018 on what costs would be to open up 2-acre cell, scales, building and electricity.

Tabled to for special meeting to work on ideas, figures on a spreadsheet. Trustees thanked Mr. Piper for work on another option.

Trustee Howard asked town attorney if there is anything the town can do to make people to clean up their property around town, to make the town look better. Mr. Steerman commented it all comes down to how much money the town wants to spend to go after the property owners to make them clean up their property. The town can foreclose, put a tax lien and cost of clean up to the property, but then you are going to have a lot of cost on a property that isn't worth the cost you have in it.

ITEM 11 General Business

A. Kestrel Subdivision, Southeast Plains Workforce Housing Project Update. Still on track to start ground breaking in July 2022, with 2 houses and 10 duplexes in the 4 million project.

B. Family Dollar Update, Grand opening Saturday April 16, 2022.

C. Cobblestone Hotel Update, right-of-way permit for water tap has been turned into CDOT and waiting their approval. The claim against the town on the delay of the project has been denied by CIRSA, as no fault of the town. Plans to have hotel open before fair in August 2022.

ITEM 12 Administrative Reports

Ms. Merna McGinnis, Town Manager/ Treasurer

Ms. McGinnis asked Dennis Jordan about being the towns building inspector again with compensation for his services and he said no, thank you.

Sold 402 gallons of fuel at the airport for \$1,809.00. Have increased the fuel cost to \$4.80 per gallon from \$4.50 a gallon.

Installed security cameras at airport, to keep an eye on things.

Will be adding 4 security cameras to the city park.

CIRSA remote insurance audit, went better this year so should get some loss control credits.

Received email from Hickenlooper and Bennett's offices accepting applications on congressional directed spending requests for community projects. Nick with Element Engineering filled the application out for the town for the full amount of the project.

Sales tax was \$48,176.47.

Mr. Heath Piper, Electric Superintendent
Need to order some cross arms, 20 at \$168.00 each \$3,360.00.
Need to order 6 transformers, for housing project. They are 84 weeks out, at a cost of \$3,449.00 each, \$20,694.00. Look into using American Rescue funds for the transformers.
Will need 11 double meter pedestals that go with the transformers, at approximately \$180.00 each maybe more now, \$1980.00.
Approval of up to \$30,000.00 of American Rescue funds. Trustee McVey made motion.
Seconded Trustee Maltbie. Motion passed.
Transformer for Cobblestone hotel, can use the schools extra one as that transformer.
Single phase is ready to hookup at the bank. Working on 3-phase for hotel.
Have a potential employee candidate but lives in Pritchett which is more than the 10 minutes from town. Can the policy be waived to 15 minutes?
Trustee West made motion to amend policy from 10-minute limit to 15-minutes. Trustee Howard second. Motion passed.

7:12 Trustee Cooper joined meeting.

Ms. Tammy Newman, Town Clerk

Canvass of votes, was completed this morning not changing the top three;
Jacob Jeramillo-35 votes Marcia Elstop- 33 votes Josh Wittler- 117 votes
Jeremy West- 159 votes Troy Crane- 93 votes Rustin Robins- 105 votes
Brady Humphrey- 80 votes Dahlon Billings- 115 votes
Three new trustees will be Jeremy West, Josh Wittler and Dahlon Billings.

Luke with DOW came down to look over the swimming pool project to complete some of the paperwork to take back to the committee on the LWCF grant.

The next grant cycle for GOCO is August 2022.

Mr. Don Steerman, Town Attorney

Push back on ordinances for franchise agreements, now Centurylink doesn't want to pay a franchise tax. Doing research options for next meeting on increasing the right of way and pole rent.

Electrical buyout, Brandon Dittman will present to SECPA.

Police Department

Report to Trustees

Discussion on the number of arrests and the type of cases the police department is working.
Have a candidate for part-time police officer.

ITEM 13 Mayor and Trustee Reports

Trustee West discussed the fund raiser that was done for the dog pound and the supplies that was purchased for the animals.

Trustee McVey questioned the entrance/exit to the family dollar. Concerns about someone being hit by speeding trucks. Merna will reach out to family dollar about concerns to see if they could make a driveway on the southside of property because of safety issues.

Trustee Cooper announced that ATMOS is donating the 732 feet main extension to the housing project. The project will only have to pay for the services to the houses.

Ms. Newman will reach out Leslie Hutches about farmer's market, and if they plan on doing it again will need to pay liability insurance again.

Would like to thank Trustee Maltbie and Trustee Howard for their years of service to the Town of Springfield it has been greatly appreciated.

ITEM 14 Adjournment

Trustee Maltbie made motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm second by Trustee Howard, motion passed.