Minutes

Burrton City Council

Burrton City Hall

Nov. 4, 2024

203 N. Burrton Ave.

Burrton, Ks 67020

The Nov. 18, 2024 meeting of the Burrton City Council was called to order by Mayor Missy Ducimetiere at 6:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Josh Greenhaw, Scott Meyer and Andy Hooser. Absent was Greg Robinson and Tonya Hornback.

Also, present were staff: City Clerk Kim Ryan, City Treasurer Jaclyn Holzrichter, Police Chief Dave Odle, City Superintendent and City Attorney Brad Jantz

Visitors: Gerry Campbell, Carol Kirk, Joni Mienders, Patty and Nolan Critchfield, Sean McKee and Beth Ann Kingsley

**Public Forum**

No Comments

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Greenhaw to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes at 6:01pm to include mayor, city council and city attorney.

Seconded by Hooser

Motion carried 3-0

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:06pm. No binding action taken.

**Changes to the Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Greenhaw to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Meyer

Motion carried 3-0

**Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Hooser to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Greenhaw

Motion carried 3-0

**Unfinished Business**

1. **Solid Waste Rates**

City Treasurer Jaclyn Holzrichter talked to the council about the rising cost of the Nisly bill and that the rates need to be raised in order to sustain this fund. The mayor informed the council that the audits over the last 2 years show that we are barely bringing in any money. Council member Meyer stated that he would like to have a full council before making a decision to raise the rates. After a lengthy discussion, councilmember Greenhaw suggested raising the rates from $18 per cart to $28 per cart. Councilmember Hooser agreed that we can’t keep putting this off and something need to be done.

Motion made by Meyer to table this until Dec. 2, 2024 so that there would be a full council.

Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Motion made by Hooser to raise the solid waste rates to $28 per cart and reevaluate in 6 months.

Seconded by Greenhaw

Motion carried 2-1 with councilmember Meyer opposing.

1. **City Council Goals**

Tabled until next meeting Dec. 2, 2024

**New Business**

1. **Burrton Community Foundation**

The Burrton Community Foundation is having a Christmas event on Dec. 14, 2024 at the City Hall and would like to ask the city for an exemption to be able to serve alcohol in the city hall on that day.

Motion made by Hooser to allow the BCF to serve alcohol in city hall on Dec. 14, 2024 from 3pm-10pm.

Seconded by Meyer

Motion carried 3-0

1. **Gas Rates**

The mayor just wanted to bring this to the attention of the council that the gas rates have not be adjusted since 2004. She is going to meet with the auditor about the rates and talk about increases over the next 3 years.

**Reports**

1. **Administrative Item**

City Clerk Kim Ryan informed that council about the COLA and Christmas incentives. She informed them that no decision had to be made today but they would need to start thinking about these items. The council table the items until the next meeting, Dec. 2, 2024.

1. **Treasurer Report**

Motion made by Greenhaw to allow City Clerk Kim Ryan and City Treasurer Jaclyn Holzrichter to reallocate funds and make transfers as needed.

Seconded by Hooser

Motion carried 3-0

1. **Police Report**

Chief Odle informed that council that he had a meeting with FEMA about the storm damage from May. He will be meeting with them again on Dec. 17, 2024 to go over all the documents and get things rolling.

He also informed the council about a couple complaints on some properties. Due to conflicting information in the zoning regulations at this time he can not do anything. He will wait for the new zoning regulations and then readdress the complaints.

1. **City Superintendent Report**

City Superintendent Jon Roberts informed the council that the roof on the city auditorium in leaking. He will get ahold of the roofing company to come look at it. He also informed the council that the plumber has not gotten back with us yet on the park bathrooms. Jon will get a new quote in March or April. Jon informed the council that the rain is holding up the progress on draining the sewer pond. And the sewer valve is leaking and needs to be replaced. In March low interest rates loans for sewer are available to be applied for. These loans would help with the repairs on the sewer lagoon. It will be a process but CDBG could help with that. Jon informed the council that the tractor repairs are done and he had to use the tractor over the weekend at the well due to a low water pressure issue.

1. **Mayor Update/Report**

On November 6, 2024 mayor met with the EDC and NAI Martens full service commercial real estate firm.  NAI Martens is representing the owners of the 30 plus acres west of Dollar General.  NAI Martens firm wanted to know if the city would consider annexing the acreage if the firm could find an interested party to develop the land.  This development would possibly be incorporating Harvey County EDC.  The mayor expressed that the city of Burrton could consider annexation if NAI martens would bring forth the options to the council.  The development would require a sewer lift station.

**Executive Session**

Table until March.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Hooser to adjourn.

Seconded by Greenhaw

Motion carried 3-0