

CITY OF SEVERY  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2025  
7:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, SEVERY KS

Present: Mayor Donna Wiss, Council members Marc Warren, Lyle Riggs, Ron Robert, Rodger Kraft, Clerk Tessa Riggs, Water Superintendent Paul Schmidt, Treasurer Madelyn Lee (via zoom) and City Attorney William McClendon

Absent: Councilman Kevin Klepper

Guests: Jeanna Fout and Robin Wunderlich

Mayor Wiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was cited and roll called.

Riggs moved to approve the February 2025 minutes. Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Robert moved to approve the February 2025 bills. Riggs 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Warren moved to approve the February 2025 treasurer's report as presented. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Clerk Riggs reported that the Fireman's Relief Fund of \$455.52 has been dormant since 2016. No funds get deposited or spent out of this fund and requested if the funds could be transferred to the Fire Reserve Fund. Kraft moved to transfer \$455.52 from the Fireman's Relief Fund to the Fire Reserve Fund. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Water Superintendent Schmidt stated that APAC has not been back out to the water plant but should be in the next few weeks. A few culverts around town have been installed. The sewer lift station had frozen and broke during the cold weather. Schmidt reported in January's meeting that he was stepping down from Fire Chief and the department had voted on February 19<sup>th</sup> for Jerrid Baumgartel to take the position. Larry Jones will be the assistant fire chief. Riggs moved to keep the same chief as the county. Robert 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0. The city work truck is still in the shop and the truck will need to go to the dealer for the computer to be reprogrammed.

Old Business.

Clerk Riggs noted the auditors rescheduled to March 12<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather in February. The vacant lots were discussed, and City Attorney McClendon will check with the courthouse on the status on selling them.

Discussion was had on the service agreement with Professional Code Compliance from El Dorado Kansas and it was decided that the City will not be moving forward at this time.

New Business.

Clerk Riggs reported that the council needs to review the sewer rates as requested in the past from previous audits. Clerk Riggs will report back after the audit is complete in March.

Clerk Riggs also reported that the Twin Groves Cemetery has several old stones that have fallen over for quite some time. Contact was made with Marlan Baumgartel from Howard about contracting with him and his son. Mr. Baumgartel will come out when the weather is warmer.

Riggs stated that he had been in contact with the West Elk FFA Ag Teacher David Griesel on having the kids do a workday in May. There are several projects the City has to keep the kids busy for 5-6 hours.

Robert moved to go into executive session to consult with City Attorney McClendon on matters subject to the attorney client privilege and include City Clerk Riggs for a total of 30 minutes at 8:32 p.m. Warren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m. No action was taken.

Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

/s Donna Wiss, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Tessa C. Riggs, City Clerk