

City of Quinter
Monday October 28, 2019
City Council Regular Session
7:00 p.m., City Hall, 202 Gove Main Street

Governing Body City Staff Roster

X	Dwight Tummons, Mayor
	Leah Ochs, Council President
X	Sue Machen, Council Member
X	Kirk Zerr, Council Member
X	Katie Jo Carroll, Council Member
X	Jeremy Blackwill, Council Member
	Steve Hirsch, City Attorney

X	Greg Thomas, Adm/Clerk
X	Roxanne Mollenkamp, Treasurer
X	Rodney Salyers, Police Chief
	Daryl Havlas, Rec Director
X	Garret Press, PWD
	Michael Haldeman, PW

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tummons, 7:04pm

Minutes:

Minutes from October 7, 2019 Council Meeting were approved with one correction.
Jeremy Blackwill motioned, Sue Machen second, passes 4-0.

Agenda:

Agenda is approved. Motion by Kirk Zerr second by Katie Carroll, passes 4-0

Visitors:

Camille Campbell

Call to Public:

New Business:

Max Nicholson – was placed on the agenda but was not present.

Coleen Tummons and Patrick Richmeier representing the Hospital Endowment Foundation attended the meeting to discuss snow removal for the Foundation's Airport. Coleen asked if the City would provide a bid for clearing snow from the runway. Patrick mentions that the City uses snowplows rather than motor graders by the county to remove snow and that he prefers the floating plow blades over fixed grader blades. The fixed grader blades run the risk of damaging the runway surface.

Patrick mentions that he was pleased with the City's removal last year. He also would like the City to keep in mind of two things when putting the bid together. First, the Foundation does not have a steady stream of income and costs such as these puts a strain on a static budget. Second, the City does benefit by having the Airport nearby as our hotel and restaurants are used by pilots and travelers. It also supports our local hospital by providing a means for air ambulance service. Patrick states that there were about two dozen personal crafts year to date. Per Ericka Nicholson there were 25 to 30 air med landings year to date.

Coleen provides proof of a general liability insurance policy taken out by the Foundation for the Airport. The covered period is from July 19, 2018 to July 19, 2021.

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Katie Carrol mentions that there was no contract last year and believes there should be something in writing between the City and the Foundation. This would list out clear expectations for both parties.

Kirk and Jeremy both mention that the City should take a cost approach to setting the fee and that a by the hour fee schedule would work well.

The Council is in agreement that Patrick, Garret and Greg will work on an agreement and have it ready for the next Council meeting.

Building Permit #2019-08

Garret presents the building permit for Brad Lovelady and reports that everything is planned appropriately. Upon review of the permit, Sue mentions that the building is inside of the 6-foot variance between Brad's building and his neighbor. If the building is not 6 foot away from the property line a variance needs to be approved by the Council.

Sue Machen motions to approve, Katie Carrol seconds the motion passes pending approval of the setback and the neighbor signing off. 4-0

Old Business:

Greg presents David Stuenkel to the Council and recommends him to be hired for the vacant Streets position. He would like the Council to approve an offer of employment pending pre employment screening.

Jeremy Blackwill motions, Sue Machen seconds, motion passes 4-0

The Council reviewed the closing documents for the Cooksey lot purchase.

Jeremy moves to allow Greg to setup a closing date for the purchase.

Kirk seconds passes, 4-0

Recreation Report:

Public Works Report/Street Report:

Park Street improvements are 95% complete, there is still some finishing work that will be done after the intersection repairs to 4th and Lincoln.

The repair to the 4th and Lincoln intersection has begun and is expected to be a two week project.

Garret updated the Council on upcoming projects.

Kirk Zerr would like the City to make improvements to the trail that leads to well no. 9. Kirk asks Garret if he could run a speed mover down the trail. Dwight Tummons mentions possibly using one of Roger Swiharts road groomers.

Treasurer Report:

Roxanne reports that she has set up a meeting with Mapes and Miller to setup the accounting system for 2020.

Roxanne requests an executive session later in the meeting.

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City Marshall Report:

The timing of the alley easement cleanup was discussed and will need to be coordinated with the Streets Department. No start date has been set at this time.

Street tree trimming was discussed and how that could be facilitated in the community. It was mentioned that we have one tree trimmer in the area, and we would need to check his availability for assisting the Street Department.

Fire Dept Report:

Jeremy Blackwill reports to the Council of a field fire on Saturday the 26th of October. He mentioned that a drone was sighted over the fire and that this is considered an illegal act. Jeremy used social media to inform the public of the action. The new fire truck was used for the first time with this fire.

The fire department would like to thank the area farmers for assisting in putting out the fire.

Administrator's Report:

The permitting of the Phase I, new well west of the reservoir is in the final steps. A public notice will be put in the paper to be run for three weeks. We are still waiting to hear back from Ned Marks of Terrane Resources Company to schedule the 48-hour water test.

The status of our Phase II, USDA Water and Environment grant is still listed as pending on the website. Dave Barber from the USDA office in Hays through a voicemail on the 24th of October gave an update. He said that the funding for that program is still two weeks out and that they are working on our application to have it ready by then.

Greg and Jeremy gave an update on the League Annual Conference they attended. Jeremy attended presentations on topics that related to council members and Greg concentrated on subject of human resources and management.

Greg hands out a schedule that is still a work in process that will help with reforecasting the City budget.

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 1st with the City Attorney to discuss ongoing legal matters.

Budget/Bills:

Katie Carroll motioned and Jeremy Blackwill second, to pay vouchers numbered 8567 – 8600, including automatic payments, Motion passes 4-0

Executive Session:

Roxanne Mollenkamp requests an executive session with the Council and asks that Greg be removed. Greg informs Roxanne that he receives this request as an insubordinate action.

8:46 Jeremy Blackwill moves and Katie Carroll seconds to grant Roxanne the executive session for five minutes.

8:51 Out of executive session, Jeremy moves and Katie second to extend the session 15 minutes.

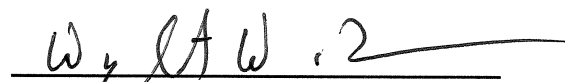
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9:06 Out of executive session.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Jeremy Blackwill, second by Leah Ochs to adjourn. Motion Passes 4-0.

ATTEST:



Dwight Tummons, Mayor