

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SOLOMON KS 67480
June 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Brandy Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Council Present: Shawn Kirby, Kelley Vandecreek, Jennifer Cross, Brian Duryea

Council Absent: Colten Kohman

Staff Present: Randy Paden, Andrea McCook, Krista Radke

Others Present: Chris Ade, Sheriff Jerry Davis, Aaron Martin, James Thomas, Kalen Robison, Scott Carney, Mike Clark, Stacey Zerbe

Approval of the Agenda for June 3, 2024, City Council Meeting

Motion by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Public comments: A Citizen came in to ask that we lift the pitbull prohibited ban. He shared he's had his pitbull 3 years and she's very well natured and he has built a temporary fence to keep her in. Brandy thanked him for coming and sharing.

Brandy Gray shared information regarding the following:

1- Thank you note from Solomon Gorilla Foundation for Pizza-Bingo donation.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Andrea McCook was sworn in as City Clerk.

4. PRESENTATION/REPORTS

1. April Swarts from Varney & Associates provided our Financial Audit Report. She stated it was a clean audit with no adjustments proposed. April highlighted pg. 4, which was the financial statement summary. She also highlighted our summary of debt, maturity of debt, being under budget, and our capital improvement fund.
2. Dickinson County Sheriff - Jerry Davis provided a summary of activity for May 2024
60 Calls / 235 Hours:
32 traffic stops, 7 suspicious activity, 3 speak with an officer, 3 alarm, noise 2, escort 1, 1 lost/found property, 1 open door, 1 outside agency assist, 1 threat, 1 transport, 1 trespassing, 1 weapons complaint, 1 animal complaint, 1 arrest, 2 civil issue/standby, court violation.
3. Solomon Fire Department- Chief Paden reported that for Memorial Day, several years ago they started putting out flags and memorials for Solomon firefighters that had passed away. This year they put out 15. They are going to start getting the cabin set up for the festival. He reported their breathing air compressor is scheduled for its annual service and air quality tests tomorrow morning. Chief Paden has taken all of SCBA bottles in for their required 5 year hydro test.
17 Calls In May
In The City - 8 - Med Calls & 3 - Fire, 2 weather watch
In The County - 3 Med Calls & 1 - Fire
4. Building Inspector- Dave Hasker - Dave reported 1 camper had been moved, 1 car moved, a dumpster removed from residence, and a load of tires and trash from another residence.

5. Pool Stacey Zerbe
Stacey reported that they opened on Memorial Day this year, which was May 27th. They sold 16 season passes that day. Swim lessons will start June 17th. Attendance has been good so far. King Solomon will continue to come to the pool and bring around 80 kids. More lifeguards will be used during those times. The vacuum is working much better this year. Stacey reported that she'd follow-up with Doug Smart and purchase the insurance for swim team. The pool will begin hosting family nights. The first one will be this Wednesday with Ice cream treats and Jenga. They're looking to have a Dive-In June 29th. Stacey also requested that we look at the new handbook and adjust the age from 14-year-old to 13-year-old's can accompany children under 8.

6. City Clerk - Andrea McCook

Krista reported that Municipal Court was held On 5/16/24 @ 4:00 P.M.

16 Cases presented: 8 - First Appears, 2 FTA, 2 - 30 Day Letters sent. 1 dismissed.

8 - Pay or Appear - 2 FTA, and BW's issued, 1 pass/continuation for restitution payment.

3 - Status cases - 1 case present w/council, plead and fined, 1 case continued to 5/16/24,

1 case Set for status 6/21/24.

1 - Trial: Appeared, continues to status next month

Andrea reported that she had been reading through the Planning & Zoning manual and familiarizing herself with the city code. She's working on organizing the complaint log.

Andrea has also been reviewing the Water Distribution Information. It has been a busy 2 weeks but she's ready to continue learning and making progress.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of 2023 financial statement audit. Motion by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
2. Approve ordinance 766- Schedule of fees & costs by resolution. Motion by Brian Duryea, seconded by Shawn Kirby, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
3. Approve resolution 2024-04 License, permit & other user fees. Motion by Kelley VanDeCreek, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
4. Appointment of Kyle Bowers to Planning & Zoning board. His application was reviewed. It's a board made up of 7 citizens. Kyle Bowers will be filling Kyle McCook's spot until May 2025. Motion by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Shawn Kirby, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
5. Appointment of Alexa Harlow to Community Garden board. She'll be the fourth person added to this board, with 3 members being the minimum. Motion by Brian Duryea, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
6. Consider revision to the pool handbook to correct child admission age policy. Discussion was held and it was decided to move the handbook to 13-year-old from 14-year-old to accompany below 8-year-olds. Motion by Jennifer Cross, seconded by Kelley VanDeCreek, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.
7. Discuss Solomon Festival Activities- The City will be in the parade this year with Dan driving the truck. Shawn, Brandy, & Krista will all help. Discussion was held about having a booth at the festival for the water survey. Krista will work on a poster. We will continue to push the water survey on social media.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Council reviewed consent agenda items including:

(1) Approval of minutes dated May 6, 2024

(2) Check detail

(3) Fund Balance

(4) Licenses: General Contractor- Continental Siding Supply

A motion by Kelley VanDeCreek to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Shawn Kirby,

4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7. CITY MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brandy Gray reported she met with the Recreation Commission this month. They discussed the new pickleball courts and planning an event together when that opens. The office has been busy with the transition of clerk. Tammy and Krista have both been very helpful in this process. The city celebrated City Works Week. Jennifer Cross reported that she continues to work on the welcome baskets and that bags have been ordered. She is also helping come up with activities for the pool. Kelley updated the board on new park equipment. We're needing to come up with a plan to have a good flow/scheme in the park. We'll have PEC in Wichita look at our plan. A memorial bench needs installed, memorial tree planted, and also received a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County.

8. CALENDAR REMINDERS


Tuesday, June 18th AT 6:30 PM - Planning & Zoning Meeting
Monday, June 24 At 6 PM - City Council Work Session
Monday, July 1 AT 6 PM - City Council Meeting

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Kelley VanDeCreek moved the city council recess into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss with legal counsel certain property maintenance code violations, and the approach toward enforcing the city code, based upon the need for consultation with an attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 45-7319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in this room at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Brian Duryea, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- 8. ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM by Kelly VanDeCreek, seconded by Jennifer Cross, 4 Yays, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Signed:


Brandy Gray
Mayor

Attest:


Andrea McCook
City Clerk