

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL  
Parker Senior Center  
423 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas  
May 9, 2024

Mayor Ashley Balthazor called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE AND PRAYER:** The pledge was given, and Preston Harrison offered the prayer.

<b><u>ROLL CALL:</u></b> Ashley Balthazor, Mayor	<b>Present</b>
Jason Webber, President	<b>Present</b>
Ivonne Clark, Council Member	<b>Present</b>
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	<b>Absent</b>
Gary Earley, Council Member	<b>Present</b>
Kari Brandt, Council Member	<b>Present</b>

**ROLL CALL:** Carrie Sewell, City Clerk, took the Roll.

**RECOGNITION OF 25 YEARS:** Mayor Balthazor congratulated and thanked treasurer, Kathy Harrison, for her 25 years of service to Parker. Mayor Balthazor presented Kathy Harrison with a plaque. Mayor Balthazor invited everyone to stay after the meeting for cake and punch.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Balthazor asked if the council had read the minutes from April 11, 2024, and looked over the bills for May 2024. Mayor Balthazor asked if there were any additions or corrections.

**Jason Webber moved to approve the consent agenda. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Balthazor asked for any additions to the agenda and for approval. No additions to the agenda.

**Jason Webber moved to approve the agenda. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Attorney, Geri Hartley,** has nothing new to report.

**City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison,** gave the treasurers report.

**City Clerk, Carrie Sewell,** spoke with Kwikom about switching to fiber. Kwikom advised that because of the agreement with the city, they will not charge the city to

switch to fiber and there would be no monthly fee. There would be a monthly fee for phone and fax. The cost for phone and fax is \$35.00 each plus taxes. Clerk Sewell asked the council if they would like to make this change.

Jason Webber moved to have Kwikom install the fiber, along with switching to Kwikom for phone and fax. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Clerk Sewell informed the council she had received an email from Don George, Kansas Wildlife Biologist, that the state would be pulling the funds from the CFAP program in 2025.

**Police Chief, Craig Haley,** is working with the state to start the STEP program here in Parker. He also is working with city attorney, Geri Hartley on the condemnation process.

**Maintenance, James Hazelet,** nothing to report. Chief Haley thanked Mr. Hazelet for all the work he has done at the lake and that he appreciates him.

**Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page,** not present

**Compactor Operator, Al Kerr,** stated the compactor will be closed on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be open a half day on June 1st.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Al Kerr asked the city if they were interested in helping historical society move the old Parker depot. No action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Balthazor asked for a 20-minute session to discuss legal matters concerning the streets with the city attorney.

**Jason Webber moved to go into executive session at 7:17 to discuss legal matters concerning the streets pursuit of client/attorney privileges and to return to the regular meeting in the Parker Senior Center at 7:37. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**Jason Webber moved to return to the regular council meeting at 7:37 in the Parker Senior Center with no action being taken. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**City and Park Scholarships:** Mayor Balthazor asked the council to look at the applications submitted by Hope Northern, Claire Caldwell and Creed Caldwell.

**Jason Webber moved to give a \$400.00 scholarship to Hope Northern. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**Ivonne Clark moved to give a \$400.00 scholarship to Creed Caldwell. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**Summer Help:** Mayor Balthazor asked the council if they wanted to hire for summer help. Mayor Balthazor stated last year we only had one application but in years past we have hired two.

**Jason Webber moved to hire two for summer help. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

Clerk Sewell stated she would need the motion to include a pay amount and an approval for James Hazelet to hire.

**Jason Webber amended his motion to state that James Hazelet is allowed to hire two for summer help at \$12.00 per hour and they can work up to 20 hours per week, but more hours can be done at the discretion of James Hazelet. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Conditional Use Permit:** City Attorney Hartley stated she had spoken with Chief Haley, and he stated that Mr. Hendrickson is complying. Chief Haley will continue to monitor the property.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mayor Balthazor thought that the property owner would be responsible for replacing the culvert on their property. Mayor Balthazor stated she had spoken with a gentleman that would be interested in doing the work to replace culverts. He would charge \$120.00 per hour and that the work would take 2 to 3 hours per culvert. She stated this is just an option and wants to look at other options that may be available.

**At 7:46 p.m. Jason Webber moved to adjourn. Kari Brandt seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.**

**Submitted by: Carrie Sewell, City Clerk**