

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Parker Senior Center
423 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
September 12, 2024

REVENUE NEUTRAL HEARING: Mayor Ashely Balthazor called the Revenue Neutral meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She asked for public comments, and none were given.

Jason Webber motioned to adopt Resolution 03-2024. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

Clerk Leach asked for a Roll Call Vote and made the necessary documentation.

Jason Webber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

2025 BUDGET HEARING: Mayor Ashley Balthazor called the 2025 Budget Hearing to order at 7:03 pm. She asked for public comments, and none were given. No changes to the budget were presented.

Jason Webber motioned to approve the 2025 Budget. Kari Brandt seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

Jason Webber motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gary Earley seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Mayor Ashley Balthazor called the regular meeting to order at 7:05.

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

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

ROLL CALL: Lisa Leach, City Clerk, took the Roll.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Balthazor asked if the council had read the minutes from August 8, 2024, along with the bills for September 2024. Mayor Balthazor asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Jason Webber moved to approve the consent agenda. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

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

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Attorney, Geri Hartley, was not present.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison, gave the treasurer's report.

City Clerk, Lisa Leach, reminded everyone that the city park needs to be prepped for Parker Days. There is a large limb that needs to be cut up and removed. She let everyone know that Debbie King has volunteered many hours cleaning up the flower beds and picking up many limbs and sticks.

The Parker Historical Society called and asked if we could clean up the limbs in front of their buildings before Parker Days as they plan to be open to the public.

Police Chief, Craig Haley, was not present.

Maintenance, none,

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page, was not present.

Compactor Operator, Al Kerr, had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: no executive session held

NEW BUSINESS:

Center Avenue Culvert: Mayor Ashely Balthazor read the report from Chad McCullough, the engineer from Kaw Valley. It was discussed that the county likely will not help because it is not a road issue and is within the city limits.

The culvert at the corner near 1-Stop was mentioned and it was stated that the project will need to be coordinated with the county due to the ditch work needed.

Jason Webber motioned to advertise for bids for an excavation/construction company to repair the whistle on Center Avenue. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Compactor Contract: Mayor Ashley Balthazor read information from Shaun West. The compactor licensing will, from now on, need to be in the city's name. The county will continue to pay for the cost of licensing. The city will be able to control times of operations and other operating factors but in turn, will also be responsible for any violations and/or fines.

Gary Earley asked about getting a larger recycling bin. He was told that Al Kerr, the compactor operator, is responsible for calling and asking for a new bin when it is full.

Jason Webber motioned to approve the agreement with the county. Gary Earley seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Culverts and ditches: Ivonne Clark said she thinks the city needs to be looking for grants to help with the cost of new culverts and repairing ditches.

Al Kerr mentioned an area west of the railroad tracks that seems to be dipping over a culvert. Jason Webber said that the area is the county's responsibility.

Jason suggested having an engineer look at the entire town, so we don't make repairs that aren't helpful. It won't help to put in new culverts if the ditch doesn't drain.

Gary Earley motioned to advertise for engineering firms to make a bid to look at the city's storm drainage system and give the city possible solutions to the drainage problem. Jason Webber seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trees at the Park: Clerk Leach brought 2 dead trees at the city park to the council's attention. The park is under the city's liability insurance, and this could be considered an emergency due to the fact that a large branch has already fallen out of one of the trees.

Jason Webber motioned for Clerk Leach to contact some tree removal companies to bid on the removal of the trees before Parker Days. He stated the companies need to be insured. Ivonne Clark seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

It was noted that a special meeting will be called when the bids are given.

Electric Line at the Park: The council members would like to have Evergy called to ask for protocol with this issue.

Dumpster: Jason Webber asked if the city could purchase/lease a dumpster for clean-up purposes year-round, rather than just having one available during City Wide Clean-Up. He stated that he hoped this would encourage the citizens of Parker to clean up their properties throughout the year and help our city look better. The city would have to arrange a way to have it dumped. He then suggested we enlarge the current compactor fencing area to enclose the dumpster so it could only be used when the compactor is open. Gary Earley asked if renting from Gerken was a possibility. It was suggested that a call to the county be made and see if they have one we can use/lease and try it out temporarily.

Mayor: Mayor Ashley Balthazor is resigning her position as of September 13, 2024. She cited her need to focus on her family as her reason.

Jason Webber, council president, will assume mayoral duties as of September 13, 2024.

A new council person will need to be appointed.

Ivonne Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk