



**Kari Brandt moved to approve adding Roger Sims to the new business on the agenda. Gary Earley seconded the motion. It was carried 3-0.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**City Attorney, Geri Hartley,** reported that 2 cases were on the docket. 1 appeared and 1 did not. November will be busier with several pay or reappears likely scheduled.

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

**City Clerk, Lisa Leach,** gave an update on the slide at the park. It will be repaired soon by M & E Plastic Repair at a cost of \$1300, which is well below the budget of \$3000 for a new slide. It should be repaired within a few weeks. It was reported by Leach the biologist, Don George, sampled fish at the lake and is concerned about the level of catfish present. He fears that people are poaching fish to place them in their own ponds. He asks if the city officers will patrol the area more, especially after the lake is restocked. Chief Haley mentioned notifying the game warden for our area. He could do some targeted enforcement if needed. The city officers already check for fishing licenses but may start checking fish, as well.

**Police Chief, Craig Haley,** gave an update on the condemned houses on Taft and Center. He and the owner are working on getting them knocked down. He wanted to remind everyone that the property owners have 90 days to take action when they receive notice. Chief Haley said he is working on a fee schedule to assign to property owners for codes cleanup and mowing services. He will bring it to the council to review when completed.

**Maintenance, James Hazelet,** was not present but Mayor Webber spoke on his behalf. The fogger machine needs a new battery. One of the mowers has damage on the deck that will need to be repaired. James is planning to repair the hole in the ground near the old school. It was also stated that cutting back brush near the school zone sign will be addressed soon.

**Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page,** had nothing to report. He was asked about a box on a pallet in the shop. He reported that it's a sewer grinder pump for the lift station.

**Compactor Operator, Al Kerr,** had nothing to report.

**Park Board:** It was mentioned there are many new council members and an invitation to the park board to attend a meeting should be extended for introductions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Culverts and ditches:** David Hamby and Aaron Castro from BG Consultants presented information to the council about the proposed city culvert/ditch project. Mr. Hamby handed out current maps of the city for the members to look at. He stated his team would be happy to sit down and go through the scope of the project and work out a budget for the project and the city needs. He suggested the city select a firm based on qualifications

and then meet with the firm to discuss budget needs and phasing. He shared that his company has a lot of grant experience and there are grants available for design and construction. The council thanked them for their time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**City Council President:** Mayor Webber expressed the need for a council president to be selected.

**Gary Earley nominated Kari Brandt to be the new City Council President. Ivonne Summers seconded the motion, which carried 2-0. Kari Brandt abstained.**

**Resolution for Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region J Hazard**

**Mitigation Plan:** Mayor Webber explained adopting the plan enables the city to receive monies from the government if a disaster were to strike the city.

**Kari Brandt moved to approve Resolution 04-2024. Gary Earley seconded the motion, and it carried 3-0.**

**Vacant Council Member Seat:** Mayor Webber let everyone know that any person interested in filling the vacancy should reach out to him and let him know.

**Sign for City Hall building, possibly at the road:** City Clerk Leach presented the issue of multiple people having difficulty locating City Hall. She would like to have a sign placed on the building, decals with hours of operation on the door, and another sign on Center Avenue directing visitors to the building. Pricing was given for the signs, but it was asked by Ivonne Summers to have 2 more options for pricing, from Linn County businesses if possible, and present again next month.

**Refurbishment of Christmas Decorations:** Clerk Leach asked for \$250 to \$300 to update the homemade pole-mounted Christmas decorations the city has. They were made by Bud Raitinger while he was a member of the Ruritan Club, and it is hoped that a few can be ready for use again this year. There are also 2 snowmen welcome signs that need to be repainted. It was mentioned that some of the electric boxes on the poles did not work last year. Clerk Leach will contact Evergy about them.

**Ivonne Summers moved to give \$300 for the project. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, and it carried 3-0.**

**Playground Insurance Coverage:** Clerk Leach said the current replacement coverage is \$5966 and that it is cash value only. The insurance company wants to know if the city would like to increase coverage for the updated equipment. Kari Brandt asked for a quote for replacement value. It was suggested to reach out to John Beaker and ask about the cost of replacement. Clerk Leach will get the information asked for and present it at the next meeting.

**Trailer, Bush Hog, Sickle Bar Mower, and Hitch for Truck:** Clerk Leach brought up concerns about the ability to move city equipment around to necessary areas like the lake. It would be dangerous for someone to drive the equipment on the county road to get to the lake and there is no access another way. The mowing items need to be looked at for the spring season.

Mayor Webber stated the truck would be taken to Neal Manufacturing to get a bid for putting a hitch and trailer brake on the city truck.

Ivonne Summers asked for 3 bids for a new trailer with a good hitch lock. The council can arrange for a special meeting to approve a bid.

Treasurer Kathy Harrison was asked where the money would come from. She stated we could pull it from the capital outlay fund.

**Roger Sims – website:** Mr. Sims let the council know that the city’s website is now fully in the city’s control. Three email addresses were created for use by the city clerk and 2 officers. The website has cost the city 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the previous quoted cost. He would like to work on adding pages for businesses, organizations, and the fire department. It was asked if the city council members wanted or needed emails as well. They cost \$7 a month each. The council said they would think about it.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Wireless Bluetooth System:** Council member Gary Earley presented a wireless Bluetooth system with microphones and a speaker to assist with the sound level of those who speak at the meeting. He said it is difficult to hear everyone, and this purchase would be advantageous to all present. The cost of the system is \$129.

**Ivonne Summers moved to purchase the system and Kari Brandt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, 3-0.**

**Craig Haley:** Police Chief Craig Haley read a letter of resignation to the mayor and city council. His resignation will take effect as of 10-31-2024. Beginning on 11-1-2024, Cody Kiser will take over as Interim Police Chief until a permanent chief is hired. Chief Haley stated he would serve as a backup officer in need.

**Gary Earley motioned to accept Police Chief Haley’s resignation. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, and it carried 3-0. Chief Haley was thanked by the council for his service to the City of Parker since July 2021.**

**Gary Earley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Kari Brandt seconded the motion, and it carried 3-0.**

**Submitted by: Lisa Leach, City Clerk**