

MINUTES PARKER CITY COUNCIL
Parker Senior Center
423 W. Kimball, Parker, Kansas
September 14, 2023

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.

<u>ROLL CALL:</u> Ashley Balthazor, Mayor	Present
Jason Webber, President	Present
Jody Bloodgood, Council Member	Present
Kandice Higgins, Council Member	Absent
Gary Earley, Council Member	Present
Jerry Summers, Council Member	Absent

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The mayor asked if the council had read the minutes from August 10, 2023, and the special meeting August 17, 2023, and if there were any additions or corrections.

Jason Webber moved to approve the minutes from August 10, 2023, and the minutes from the special meeting on August 17, 2023, as written. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jennifer Cline stated when she returned from vacation in July there were survey stakes on her property. She would like to know what the intent of the city. Mrs. Cline stated she would like a written notice if the city were attempting to take her property. City Attorney Hartley stated that if the city wanted to acquire her property, she would receive written notification.

Tim Griffin inquired why the city had the ramp put in on Main St. for the library. Council member Jason Webber stated the library had asked the city and it will be access for other businesses on Main St. This is community access not just for the library. Mr. Griffin then asked council member Webber if he was on the library board, to which council member Webber stated he was president of the library board. Mr. Griffin stated that the ramp is a want not a need. Mr. Griffin stated that need is a playground for the park. He would like to see the city budget for a playground.

Chad Page stated he would like to know where the city is on getting the road open. Mayor Balthazor stated we are in a court process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Night Out Against Crime: Clerk Sewell informed the council the night out against crime would be held on Oct. 21 in the Senior Center from 6-8pm. Clerk Sewell stated the Linn Co Sheriff would be doing a demonstration and Randy Hegewald stated a fire truck would be there also. Clerk Sewell will take care of preparing the chili, cinnamon rolls, and hot dogs for the event. Clerk Sewell asked for \$100.00 to purchase supplies for the event.

Jason Webber moves to give \$200.00 for supplies. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Proclamation “Constitution Week”: Renee Slinkard spoke to the council about constitution week and asked the mayor to sign the proclamation. Constitution Week is September 17 through September 23.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tractor Policy: Clerk Sewell provided all council members with a copy of the Case 70 A tractor policy that was requested at the August meeting.

Jason Webber moved to purchase the premier plan for \$3200.00. Gary Earley seconded the motion and it carried 2-1 with Jody Bloodgood dissenting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Attorney, Geri Hartley, noted she had 13 court cases, 2 resolved, 2 dismissed, 2 bench warrants and the others continued. Clerk Sewell commented that with the increase in court cases the city council may want to look at increasing the court dates to one each month instead of just every other month. Attorney Hartley stated that would be something to consider for next year.

City Treasurer, Kathy Harrison, gave the treasurer report.

Jason Webber moved to pay the August bills. Jerry Summers seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

City Clerk, Carrie Sewell, advised the council that the new Planning and Zoning board had met and had a conditional use permit hearing for Ross Hendrickson at 404 E. Woodward. The planning and zoning board approved the permit with the following conditions: The permit would be revisited in one year.

30 goats would be allowed with up to 20 kids during kidding season.
2 bottle calves

The front area of the property must be cleaned up and meet city codes.

Clerk Sewell asked for approval from the council.

Gary Earley moved to accept the recommendations for the conditional use permit. Jody Bloodgood seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Police Chief, Craig Haley, would like to amend the city lake ordinance to a seven-day limit on camping with a fourteen day return limit. Chief Haley stated he would draft an ordinance and forward it to Attorney Hartley for approval.

Chief Haley stated he would like to add a court cost increase to the agenda for the October council meeting.

Chief Haley presented a quote from Axon for body cams and tasers to the council. Chief Haley and Officer Kiser explained how they work and that these will protect the officers and the city against liability. Chief Haley is an Axon master trainer and Officer Kiser is an Axon certified user.

Jason Webber moved to purchase the Axon system. This motion failed due to lack of a second.

Council member Earley stated he wasn't against it but would like to have a special meeting to learn more about it.

Council member Bloodgood asked if the general fund had money available for this year's payment. Treasurer Harrison responded no but capital outlay could be used instead. Chief Haley suggested using ARPA funds. Council member Webber stated that would be a perfect reason to use the ARPA funds and then put the remaining payments into the budget next year.

Jason Webber moved to purchase the Axon system out of the ARPA funds for the first-year payment and then budget next year for the additional payments. Jody Bloodgood seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Chief Haley advised that dog issues around town are being handled and wanted to remind the public to register their dogs at city hall.

Maintenance, Dever Scott, things are going well. The city has excess equipment that is not being used because it needs to be repaired. The city has a 2-inch pump, yellow shredder, bad boy mower, and an old fogger. The city also has playground equipment and basketball goals sitting at the park. Mr. Scott stated that Ben Yoder over at Garnett could sale them for the city. Mayor Balthazor asked Mr. Scott to give her Mr. Yoder's number and she would contact him.

Water and Sewer Contractor, Chad Page, nothing to add.

Compactor Operator, Taydon Cornett, not present.

Board Representatives:

PWWSD#13 - Nothing to report.

Park Board - Nothing to report.

At 8:05 p.m. Jason Webber moved to adjourn. Jody Bloodgood seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Submitted by: Carrie Sewell, City Clerk