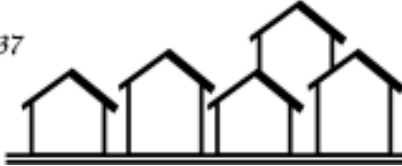


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June 3, 2024

The Rossville City Council meeting was called to order on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:59 pm by Council President Trish Heim.

Council members present were Trish Heim, Dan Glotzbach, Rick Towers, Vernon Sumner, and Todd Reeves.

Also present was Thomas Sipp, Randy Anderson, Myron Leinwetter, and Muhammad Abubakar.

Casey Graves arrived at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Todd Reeves to approve minutes of the May 20, 2024 meeting as written was seconded by Dan Glotzbach and carried.

The following bills were presented;

EFTPS-Fed WH	\$ 1,055.17	EFTPS-FICA	\$ 1,989.14
EMPower Retirement	456.76	Grace Hier	150.00
Kansas Withholding Tax	526.30	KPERS	1,650.64
Century Business Technologies	298.58	Chesters Chophouse & Wine Bar	72.24
Drury Hotels	253.08	Rossville Comm. Rec. Assoc.	2,000.00
Alan Zlatnik	1,847.71	Taylor Morelli	1,135.40
Lisa Stum	1,517.74	Randall Anderson	973.75
Chance Stum	1,313.82	Douglas Schreiner	106.42
Harry Hammer III	181.14	Tina Dick	383.86
Jacob Akin	78.89	Thomas Sipp	1,856.05
Brooklyn Sipp	117.81	Harbor Feight Tools	165.51
KBI-LCH Search	100.00	Tractor Supply Co.	369.95
AFLAC	427.46	Amazon.com	315.74
KBI-LCH Search	20.00	Bank of the Flint Hills	35.20
Blue Cross Blue Shield of KS	7,391.03	Bukaty Companies LLC	180.00
Gray's Auto Repair	717.71	Ka-Comm, Inc	45.00
Lowe's Business Account	415.26	Menards	129.93
Schulte Supply Inc	414.84	Scooters Lawn & Leisure	363.98
Signs to Go	112.50	Tarwater Farm & Home Supply	239.99
Alan Streit	600.27	The Topeka Metro News	90.48
Vestis	276.87	James Meyer	554.10
TOTAL	30,930.32		

Motion by Dan Glotzbach to pay bills as presented totaling \$30,930.32 was seconded by Todd Reeves and carried.

Motion by Todd Reeves to approve the agenda with the addition of Myron Leinwetter and Casey Graves was seconded by Rick Towers and carried.

Muhammad Abubakar reported that he was one of the new owners of the grocery store formerly known as Wehner's Thriftway. Muhammad told council that he owned other grocery stores and gas stations. Muhammad and the other store owners would like to continue on the Wehner's Thriftway legacy and are open to suggestions from the community. Council questioned whether the hardware department would remain a feature of the grocery store to which Muhammad said it would be. Council questioned Muhammad about store hours. Muhammad stated that the store hours would remain the same but that he and the other owners would eventually like to expand the business hours, especially in the summer time.

Application for cereal malt beverage license from Rossville Fresh Market for sale in original and unopened containers was presented. Assistant clerk noted that background checks had been completed and fees paid. Council asked Muhammad if Rossville Fresh Market would be the new name of the store. Muhammad confirmed that Rossville Fresh Market will be the grocery store's new name. Motion by Todd Reeves to approve CMB license for Rossville Fresh Market was seconded by Vern Sumner and carried.

Rossville Community Foundation board member and trails coordinator Myron Leinwetter reported that the first annual Toadstrangler Trail 5k Run will be held on Saturday June 8, 2024. Myron stated that the event is a fundraiser in which the proceeds will go to Rossville Community Trails projects. Myron told council that another Toadstrangler Trail 5k organizer and Chief Sipp already coordinated safe street crossings for the run.

Myron also reported that he had recently received a draft of plans for the Safe Routes to School Project. This project would allow for improvements on highways, school zones, crossings, and sidewalks. Myron told council that comments on the draft need to be sent in before Monday, June 10, 2024.

Casey Graves addressed the council with miscellaneous concerns about the city. Concerns Casey presented include drug use throughout town, quality of properties/residences/businesses throughout town, and police presence after sundown to enforce the safety of citizens. Assistance clerk noted recent night shifts completed by a part time police officer. Chief Sipp commented that he is only aware of what citizens make known to him. Council and Chief Sipp advised Casey to contact Chief Sipp, the police department, or Rossville City Hall with non-emergent issues and concerns.

Discussion between council and Casey lead to Rossville businesses. Casey noted concerns about vacancies in buildings on Rossville's Main Street. Casey questioned what the city is doing to help bring businesses to Rossville, what types of businesses Rossville would support, and how quickly code enforcement is being completed. Council advised Casey of recent updates to Rossville's procedures for code enforcement. Council and Casey discussed Cross Creek being a deterrent for potential businesses.

Rick Towers reported that he and Mayor James Meyer met with Vern Catron and Matt Holthous in regards to a bid for repairs to the grandstands. Council briefly pondered about potential fundraising and publicity for the grandstands.

Utility department employee Randy Anderson told council that the grandstands are nearing their 100th birthday. Randy stated that he is hoping the bleachers can be repaired as they are now a very rare structure to exist.

Randy reported that the spigots at the city park had been chained up and turned off due to park goers leaving them on and causing damage to certain areas of the park.

Randy told council that next week the utility department plans to rent a lift in order to remove unsafe branches from trees in the city park.

Randy reported that new regulations for the forestry dump had been posted on Facebook and that a new lock with numbers has been put on the gate to the forestry dump.

Randy told council that the pool had been drained and that the drains are being observed. Council questioned who was working on the pool. Randy told council that the work is being completed by a construction company out of Manhattan.

Police Chief Thomas Sipp reviewed list of items completed by the police department including a call to landowner to remove obstructing tree branches, conversation with residents and property managers to remove logs from yards, a notice to a homeowner to trim tall grass, awaiting updated bid for new Tahoe, fixing eastbound camera to read license plates, response to ATV accident, communication with company about a bid for school crossing flashers and signs, and submission of 2024-2026 Bullet-Proof Vest Partnership Grant request.

Chief Sipp reported that new Police Administrative Assistant Brooklyn Sipp began full time on May 28, 2024 and is receiving training from Tina Dick and himself. Chief Sipp sent in request to Shawnee County Sheriff's office for Brooklyn to get additional records management training.

Chief Sipp reported that the upfit for the new police Tahoe would cost about \$15,000-\$16,000. Chief Sipp presented council with a potential design to add to the exterior of the new Tahoe.

Resolution declaring that in 2023 the Governing Body shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the City of Rossville to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State was presented. Motion by Dan Glotzbach to adopt resolution 24-06-03 was seconded by Rick Towers and carried.

New EMC insurance quotes were presented to the council. Assistant Clerk contacted City Clerk Lisa Stum via telephone call at 6:57 pm. Council discussed insurance quotes with City Clerk. Phone call ended at 6:59 pm. Following discussion council decided to table further review to following meeting.

Chief Sipp told council that police department received new ATV decals and that word about decals was being spread via a Rossville business owner's post on Facebook. Council expressed concerns about ATV driving safety.

Assistant Clerk advised council about opportunity for new website main screen image.

Council tabled discussion of employee salaries to following meeting.

Motion by Todd Reeves to adjourn was seconded by Vern Sumner and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Taylor M. Morelli
Asst. City Clerk