

March 17, 2010

The governing body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., March 17, 2010 in the councilroom. Mayor Joe Mitchell and councilmembers Ray Shinn, Bob Claas, Galen Niehues, Steve Bennett, Bruce Hermesch and Jim Mitchell were present. Also present were City Administrator Tami Dandliker, Pat McKernan, Brent Schulte, and Bryan Schmitz and reporters Jim Copeland and Matt Diehl.

Bob Claas moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2010 regular council meeting. All five voted aye, and Galen Niehues abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Pat McKernan was present to explain the Nemaha Valley High School service learning project. The seniors will be around the city helping various individuals and organizations with projects on Friday, March 19, 2010.

Bryan Schmitz, representing SBS Insurance, presented the 2010 insurance renewal proposal. The cost for the insurance will be \$93851.56 compared to last year's cost of \$90086.56. Steve Bennett moved and Jim Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the proposal from SBS Insurance for 2010. All five voted aye, while Galen Niehues abstained.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to reappoint Tami Dandliker as Director #2 and Galen Niehues as Alternate for the KMEA Board of Directors. All six voted aye.

There were two bids received for the Engineering Services for the 3rd Street Improvements. One was from Mueting Engineering Services at a rate of \$90.00 per hour and CES Group Engineers at a rate of \$70.00 with a lump sum price of \$14,900.00. Jim Mitchell moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to approve the proposal from CES Group Engineers at a price of \$14,900.00. All six voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve a grant contract with KDHE to accept funds awarded through the Waste Tire Grant Program to purchase 30 recycled picnic tables for city park shelter houses. Five voted aye, while Ray Shinn voted naye.

Police Chief Brent Schulte was present to ask the council's permission to advertise for a police officer to replace Officer Bill Claas who recently announced his intention to retire. Steve Bennett moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to allow Police Chief Schulte to advertise for the position. All six voted aye.

A request was received from the American Legion Riders for a flyover on August 1, 2010 while the Vietnam moving wall exhibit is in Seneca. Bob Claas moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve the flyover. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 03172010 consenting to participate in a Kansas Enterprise Zone non-metropolitan region and confirming support for the qualifying county strategic plan and requesting that the Secretary of Commerce approve the County of Nemaha as a Kansas Enterprise Zone designated non-metropolitan business region. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All six voted aye.

Jane F. Strathman
City Clerk