

Hanover City Council Meeting

February 9, 2022 at 6:00pm

The Hanover City Council meeting was held February 9, 2022 at 6:00pm in the meeting room at the Firehouse at 201 S Railroad Street Hanover KS 66945.

Mayor Jared Sedlacek called the City of Hanover council meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members present were Kim Lohse, Nick Rohr, Don Spencer, Scott Jueneman, and Nick Garber. Employee's present were Katlin Bruna, Scott Wieden and Melissa Minge. Guests included Shawn Minge, Fire Chief, and Brandon Benkendorf.

1. Treasurer Report
 - a. Don made a motion, seconded by Nick G to approve the monthly treasurer report. Motion carried.
2. Expenditures
 - a. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Kim to approve the monthly expenditures. Motion carried.
3. Minutes
 - a. Kim made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the previously months minutes. Motion carried.
4. Delinquent Utility Bills
 - a. The council reviewed the delinquent utility bills and the council made the decision at the beginning of winter to have no shut off during the winter months; but if delinquent utility bills are not paid by March 20, 2022 utilities will be shut off until further notice with a \$50 reconnect fee.
5. Shawn Minge, Fire Chief
 - a. The fire department officers met to review the code book regarding fire and Fire Chief would like to come to the next code workshop to go over the changes with the council.
 - b. The charger on the newer fire truck was fixed and the council will be receiving a invoice for that totaling \$800.
 - c. There were no calls last month.
 - d. Utilities for the Firehouse will start coming out of General rather than Fire.
 - e. There are 7 firemen that need to renew their CPR certification; the CPR class will be paid for in full from the Fire budget.
6. Brandon Benkendorf
 - a. Brandon came in to discuss a water leak he had at his home recently. He explained that the city read meters and that when they notified him of a possible leak, he checked outside and, in his basement, where he did not see any leaks. Once the city and himself started to do further investigating, they found the leak in a small crawl space in the basement, and it went undetected due to the dirt in the crawl space and the water running into the sewer drain. The council told Brandon that they would discuss this further and the city clerk would let him know of their decision.
 - b. After discussion, Nick R made a motion, seconded by Don to take \$550.00 off of the Benkendorf's water bill. Motion carried.
7. Street Department
 - a. Summer Help: the city clerk will be putting up flyers with information about summer help and when applications are due.
 - b. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Don to approve the purchase of 2 loads of 1.5-inch rock for East St by the Catholic Cemetery Driveway. Motion carried.
 - c. The council discussed the repairs for the grader and the estimated cost from OK Service that was a rough estimate of \$17,200; but that estimate could go up depending on part cost and if parts can be found. Tabled.
 - d. Communications headsets are tabled to further do some research.
8. Water Department
 - a. The council discussed the water and sewer rates. Tabled to gather more information.
 - b. The council discussed the proposed ordinance regarding water meters. Tabled to make changes.
 - c. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Don to sign and move forward with the plans for the sewer lining project. Project will be done by Mayer. Motion carried.
 - d. The council discussed the sewer manhole project on East Street. CES is still waiting to here from the state on approval.
9. Council

- a. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Don to go into executive session for non-elected personnel at 7:45pm for 5 minutes. Motion carried.
- b. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Don to come out of executive session at 7:50pm with no decisions made. Motion carried.
- c. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Don to add that any PTO hours that cannot be carried over to the next year will be paid to the Attachment B of the employee's benefits. Motion carried.
- d. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Kim to raise Scott W's wage to \$17.00/hour starting January 1, 2022. Motion carried.
- e. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Kim to go into executive session for non-elected personnel at 8:05pm for 5 minutes. Motion carried.
- f. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Nick G to come out of executive session at 8:10pm with no decisions made. Motion carried.
- g. Don made a motion with no second to raise Katlin's wage to \$15.00/hour.
- h. Scott made a motion, seconded by Kim to raise Katlin's wage to \$14.00/hour. Motion carried.
- i. The council approved city clerk to go to the clerk conference in Manhattan March 15-18, 2022.

10. Adjourn

- a. Nick R made a motion, seconded by Kim to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.