

April 1, 2024

The City Council of Scott City met in regular session on the above date at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Present were Council President Josh Gooden, Council members Craig Richards, Jeff Allen, Barb Wilkinson, Adam Winter, City Attorney Jennifer Cunningham (by Zoom), City Administrator Brad Pendergast, and City Clerk Ruth Becker.

The Council and others recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 18, 2024, regular council meeting were presented.

Motion by Barb Wilkinson seconded by Adam Winter to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024, regular council meeting. Vote – Unam.

Appropriation Ordinance # 1015A was presented.

Motion by Jeff Allen seconded by Adam Winter to approve Appropriation Ordinance # 1015A. Vote – Unam.

Included in the packet were three proposals from Wald & Co., Inc. for the 2024 fireworks display.

Proposal A: 12-15 minutes based on shooting a shell every 3.5 seconds

<i>Main Aerial</i>		<i>Finale</i>	
	Quantity		Quantity
3" Shells	124	2.5" Shells	36
4" Shells	103	3" Shells	25
5" Shells	15		
Total Shells	242	Total Shells	61

Overall Total for Proposal A = 303 shells for \$5,100.00

Proposal B: 15-17 minutes based on shooting a shell every 3.5 seconds

<i>Main Aerial</i>		<i>Finale</i>	
	Quantity		Quantity
3" Shells	164	2.5" Shells	72
4" Shells	121	3" Shells	50
5" Shells	15		
Total Shells	300	Total Shells	122

Overall Total for Proposal B = 422 shells for \$6,510.00

Proposal C: 20-22 minutes based on shooting a shell every 3.5 seconds

<i>Main Aerial</i>		<i>Finale</i>	
	Quantity		Quantity
3" Shells	224	2.5" Shells	108
4" Shells	144	3" Shells	75
5" Shells	18		
Total Shells	386	Total Shells	183

Overall Total for Proposal C = 569 shells for \$8,500.00

Motion by Craig Richards seconded by Jeff Allen to accept *Fireworks Display Proposal B* in the amount of up to \$6,510.00 with the cost to be shared with Scott County. Vote – Unam.

Provided in the packet was *Resolution 2024-02*, a resolution demonstrating that the Sunflower Court Townhomes-Scott City project proposed by PETRA Development Partners has the support of the governing body and the community of Scott City, Kansas to apply for the Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit (KHITC) administered by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) and to participate in the administration of any such funding and tax credits. City Administrator Brad Pendergast explained that this is essentially the same demonstration of support that was offered to PETRA Development Partners in November 2023. Mr. Pendergast noted that the application that had been submitted at that time had been denied by KHRC, but an updated application is expected to be better received since the developer is further along in the planning process than it had previously been. He requested that the City Council approve the adoption of the included resolution.

Motion by Jeff Allen seconded by Barb Wilkinson to adopt *Resolution 2024-02*, a resolution demonstrating that the Sunflower Court Townhomes-Scott City project proposed by PETRA Development Partners has the support of the governing body and the community of Scott City, Kansas to apply for the Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit (KHITC) administered by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) and to participate in the administration of any such funding and tax credits. Vote – Unam.

Included in the packet was *Municipal Water Conservation Plan for the City of Scott City, April 2024* for the Council’s review. City Administrator Brad Pendergast noted that Water Superintendent Terence Appel and Assistant Water Superintendent Reggie Ford had worked to update the plan for its annual review and submission to the Kansas Water Office. He explained that the main changes to the document included the recently updated water and sewer rates. The rest of the document was largely untouched as the outlined conservation efforts are in progress. Council member Barb Wilkinson noted some areas that needed additional attention. She noted that the *Water Use Conservation Goals* section of the document did not clearly define “GPCD” which is stated to be “gallons per person per day.” She asked that Mr. Appel and City Clerk Ruth Becker edit the section to more clearly explain the term earlier in the section to avoid confusion by readers. Mrs. Wilkinson also asked that the *Management* section be edited to state that “The City of Scott City reads each customer’s water meter and mails/*emails* a monthly water bill to each customer every month.”

Motion by Adam Winter seconded by Jeff Allen to approve the *Municipal Water Conservation Plan for the City of Scott City, April 2024*, with the changes mentioned by Council member Barb Wilkinson, to be forwarded on to the appropriate State agency. Vote – Unam.

Included in the Council packet were draft copies of *Exhibit F – Form of Municipality Ordinance, Excerpt of Minutes . . .*, an ordinance authorizing the execution of a third amendment to the loan agreement between the City of Scott City and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund (KPWSLF), and *Exhibit G – Form of Opinion of Municipality’s Council*. The included documents must be approved to execute the third amendment to the loan agreement which will increase the loan amount from the KPWSLF from \$6.1 million to \$7.5 million. All these documents were sent for approval without a copy of the amendment that these documents support, so City Administrator Brad Pendergast noted that these documents, along with the amendment agreement, would be addressed after receipt of all necessary documents.

GMS Engineer Jason Meyer was not present to update the Council as anticipated since he had been in Scott City to meet with City officials the week prior to discuss the *City of Scott City Master Drainage Plan – Stormwater Improvements*. When asked his thoughts about the master plan, Street, Water, and Sewer Superintendent Terence Appel indicated that he had mixed reviews on the plan, stating that the City was already aware of most of the problem areas in the plan. He also noted that he was hoping for more direction on how the City could alleviate the issues in these areas, not just an indication of how much it would likely cost to make such improvements. He did mention, however, that the priority list will be helpful and that this plan will be a beneficial document when applying for grants. Mr. Appel noted that he and other City officials will continue to update the Council when discussion regarding the plan is put into practice.

Pool Manager Marci Patton was not in attendance. City Clerk Ruth Becker reported that pool management was not present because they were conducting a meeting with the lifeguards at another location during this meeting.

Building Inspector Jerek Wasinger asked the Council for guidance regarding a discrepancy between Scott City codes and the Residential Building Codes adopted by the City of Scott City. Mr. Wasinger questioned whether an accessory building constructed for purpose of storing vehicles needed to have a concrete base/floor or if gravel would suffice as the surface inside the accessory structure. Although he did not need a definite answer at this point, he requested that the Council consider this topic for discussion at a future meeting.

Police Chief Colton Schmitt reported that Officer Whitney Savolt's vehicle was returned earlier in the day after repairs for severe hail damage were completed; however, the vehicle will remain without the police department decals for up to 90 days. Officer Christian Rodriguez will graduate from Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center on Friday, April 5. Police Chief Schmitt invited Council members to attend the ceremony. Officer Kayli Conway began working on March 25, 2024, and is already doing good work.

Parks Superintendent Terence Appel had nothing to report; however, Council member Barb Wilkinson inquired if the crew could post in the parks when the spraying of chemicals had been performed. Mr. Appel indicated that they could post, but it is already visibly evident when areas have been treated.

Street, Water, and Sewer Superintendent Terence Appel informed the Council that he will work with S & T Communications regarding fiber internet drops at the City shop, treatment plants, and wells as they work through their fiber line transition. Mr. Appel estimated that he plans to budget \$200,000 in the 2025 budget to procure this connectivity.

Mr. Appel also noted that there is yet another water leak at 8th and Jackson Street. He is planning to purchase materials for approximately 2 blocks. He and City Administrator Brad Pendergast will consider using ARPA funds to cover the cost.

City Clerk Ruth Becker provided information and answered questions regarding a new employee benefit opportunity. Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System (KPERs) has added a 401(A) plan which would enable an employer to offer a match for employees' elected KPERs 457(b) contributions. Mrs. Becker informed the Council that there is no administrative cost to participate in the plan and that, if added, the Council could determine either the amount or percentage of the company match portion. Mrs. Becker explained that eight employees currently contribute to KPERs 457 each month, contributing a total of \$1,100 per month. Discussion at the table included that the City pays KPERs an employer contribution based on gross wages and the belief that

employees need to take a more active role in their own retirements. Mrs. Becker encouraged the Council to consider this option prior to the upcoming 2025 budget workshop (date is yet to be determined). Council asked Mrs. Becker to provide more information regarding contribution rates and amounts to lend to more discussion at a future Council meeting.

City Administrator Brad Pendergast informed the Council that the budget planning season has started and that he will be compiling worksheets to distribute to department heads so that they may begin their budget preparation.

City Attorney Jennifer Cunningham had nothing to report.

Motion by Adam Winter seconded by Barb Wilkinson that the City Council recess into executive session to consult with the City Attorney on a legal matter pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), retaining the Council President, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator, Public Works Superintendent, and City Clerk, with the open meeting resuming in the Council room at 7:07 p.m. Vote – Unam.

The Council came out of executive session.

Council President Gooden called the meeting back to order.

No action was taken.

Motion by Adam Winter seconded by Jeff Allen to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Vote – Unam.

Josh Gooden
Council President

Ruth Becker
City Clerk