

**CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2013**

Members Present: Mayor Tyrel Clark, Tony Nelson and Bryan Cornell

Members Absent: Ray Schuchard and Kurt Holst

Staff Present: Community Officer Tracey Pagel and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the consent agenda items 4.A through 4.C as presented. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried.

- 4.A. Approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 regular Council meeting
- 4.B. Approve South Avenue Street & Drainage Improvement Project pay Request #2 to Pember Companies, Inc. \$286,035.97
- 4.C. Approve South Avenue Street & Drainage Improvement Project Engineering Fees to WHKS & Co. \$13,925.04

REPORTS:

Community Officer: Deputy Pagel reported on miscellaneous activities.

Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Service: No report was available.

DESCASD Sewer Board: Clark reported the Board's normal business activities included continued discussion relating to possible increased nitrogen regulations. Bids will be requested to rent out forty acres of plant owned property.

Planning Commission: Knowlton reported the Commission approved for distribution the Commercial Construction Building Permit Process and Timeline Summary Sheet. The tree ordinance was reviewed; the basic content was approved and minor edits with reformatting will be completed by staff and reviewed at the next meeting.

Clerk's Report:

Welcome Sign Lighting: Lighting specifications were sent to the City Engineers for review as requested.

South Avenue Project: Engineers and the contractor walked through the project today; the contractor anticipates final project completion by November 1.

People's Energy Cooperative Member Meeting: Clark and Knowlton attended the October 21 meeting. Council requested People's representatives to be invited to a January 2014 council meeting to discuss the plans and possible implications of People's acquiring Alliant Energy assets.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Camp Companion: Michele Quandt, Director of Camp Companion and local veterinarian Dr. Wayne Ode addressed the Council and explained a possible process to control feral cat populations.

Camp Companion, with the help of the City, would distribute information and request citizen observations regarding feral/stray cats. On a planned day, they would trap cats, spay or neuter them, vaccinate them, clip their left ear (as a universal sign) and release the cats in the exact location they were trapped. Spayed and neutered cats do not let other cats become new members to their colony; which in turn eventually eliminates the original colony. Camp Companion requested the City share the cost of the \$60 female spaying and \$40 male neutering. It was suggested that the community be educated on the process, surveyed if there is a feral cat population problem and questioned on the situation and acceptable or requested solution. The Council requested this be revisited at the next meeting.

Ambulance: The anticipated metes and bounds boundary change request has not been received. The Council agreed, depending on the urgency of the ambulance building construction plans, a special meeting could be called to review the metes and bounds request when it is submitted.

Property Abatement 43 Park Drive NW: The abatement notice was delivered to Frank Forney; he implied he would be contacting the City. A contractor has been contacted to view the property and give the City a project cost estimate. No action was taken.

Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the accounts payable with the addition of: \$286,035.97 to Pember Companies and \$13,925.04 to WHKS & Co.; total accounts payable in the amount of \$313,570.44. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.D"

Other Business:

Sixth Street SW Parking: No parking signs on Knowledge Road can be reduced to place signs on the south side of Sixth Street, the entire length of the school property. Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to authorize Brad Boice to remove enough no parking signs on Knowledge Road to install along the Dover Eyota School property on the south side of Sixth Street SW. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Council also requested that curb painting options and the cost be discussed at the next council meeting.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to adjourn. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer