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January 21, 2025

Due to the holiday on Monday the Rossville City Council met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Mayor James Meyer.

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

Also present were Chance Stum, Jenna Stum, Matthew Owad, Taylor Morelli, Patti Kirk, Lacey Deiter, Myron Leinwetter, Thomas Sipp and John Pelfrey.

Motion by Trish Heim to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025 meeting as presented was seconded by Rick Towers and carried.

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	Alan Zlatnik	\$ 2,409.47	Taylor Morelli	\$ 1,247.68
	Lisa Stum	1,542.87	Randall Anderson	1,094.87
	Thomas Sipp	2,015.69	Brooklyn Sipp	1,201.82
	Jacob Akin	122.53	Chance Stum	1,421.62
	AFLAC	427.46	Amazon.com	499.90
	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ks.	7,826.79	Brightspeed	134.12
	Bay Bridge Administrators, LLC	1,980.47	Casey's Business	1,001.73
	City Attorney's Assoc. of Ks	35.00	EFTPS-Fed Wh	1,210.28
	Doug's Pharmacy	104.98	Gray's Auto Repair	287.84
	EFTPS-FICA	2,337.28	Skyler Ochs	75.91
	EMPower Retirement	542.93	Evergy	2,843.68
	The Topeka Metro News	35.81	Torgeson Electric	3,800.00
	Grace Hier	150.00	Holston Creek Welding	30.05
	Universal Chemical LLC	339.12	Kansas Withholding Tax	738.52
	KPERS	2,086.89	Ks. Employment Security Fund	105.13
	Michael Pope	125.05	Sugar Creek	79.90
	Tractor Supply Co.	199.99		
	Total	38,055.38		

Motion by Todd Reeves to pay bills as presented totaling \$38,055.38 was seconded by Vern Sumner and carried.

Motion by Dan Glotzbach to approve the agenda with addition of Myron Leinwetter, Lacey Deiter and Patti Kirk of RCDC, Matthew Owad of RCRA and John Pelfrey was seconded by Todd Reeves and carried.

Myron Leinwetter updated council on the progress of phase 2 of the walking trail. Following discussion motion by Rick Towers to approve the preliminary plan was seconded by Trish Heim and carried.

Lacey Deiter and Patti Kirk of Rossville Community Development Committee were present to discuss changes in plans for Tall Corn Festival for 2025. Following discussion no action was taken.

Matthew Owad of Rossville Community Recreation Association was present to report that he had been looking for someone to take over as director of the RCRA and was not able to find anyone to take over unless the position was a paid position. During discussion with council Jenna Stum offered to take over as director for the softball/baseball but would be unable to do the basketball program. Taylor Morelli offered to assist with basketball. Following discussion Mayor and Council thanked Matthew Owad for service as RCRA director.

John Pelfrey was present after seeing post on Facebook regarding City Code requiring removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. Pelfrey expressed concerns that some older citizens may be unable to shovel snow within the time allowed and was concerned about possible citations being issued. Police Chief indicated that, at this time, no citations were to be issued but wanted citizens to be aware of the code so they could plan for snow events.

Mayor reported that he had talked to Utility Superintendent Alan Zlatnik about contacting Shawnee County to have snow piles on Main Street removed.

Mayor reported that he had would be scheduling a meeting with interested parties to discuss funding for the renovations to the baseball grandstands after the grant applied for was not awarded.

Council discussed email received regarding law suit filed in reference to solar farms in Jackson County. Mayor to discuss with City Attorney Stanley Oyler.

Utility Employee Chance Stum advised council that invoice from Torgeson Electric was to have them check and evaluate the sewer lift stations and water pump house with goal to install backup generators at each location.

Stum also requested permission for Utility Superintendent Alan Zlatnik to attend Kansas Rural Water conference in Wichita in March. Motion by Vern Sumner to allow Zlatnik to attend was seconded by Todd Reeves and carried.

Police Chief Thomas Sipp reported that; the crosswalk signs and signals had been received and that J Warren would be scheduling install; the utility department has been working on installation of new LED lights at police station; Axon training is scheduled for the 27th; the Rossville police officers will be renewing commissions with Shawnee County Sheriff's Department; he will be attending Kansas Coordinated Response Exercise Pipeline Safety Program training; they are working on getting the new electrical box and outlets installed as well as the electronic lock for public access door at the police station.

Chief Sipp reported on the Facebook post letting citizens know about the City Code regarding clearing your sidewalks of snow. Chief Sipp also provided information on City of Topeka snow removal ordinances and discussed code with council. Following discussion council requested that ordinance making changes to code be prepared for consideration.

Chief Sipp presented December 2024 incident report and noted that he had directed traffic during accident on 1-70.

Motion by Dan Glotzbach to adjourn was seconded by Trish Heim and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Lisa M. Stum City Clerk