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June 17, 2024

The Rossville City Council meeting was called to order on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 5:59 pm by Mayor James Meyer.

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

Also present was Thomas Walker Jr, Jeffrey Overmyer, Alan Zlatnik, Jennifer Stowers, Morgan Hansen, Lacey Deiter, and Thomas Sipp.

Jeremy Brown arrived at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Trish Heim to approve minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting with the correction of two grammatical errors was seconded by Dan Glotzbach and carried.

The following bills were presented;

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| Alexander Pump & Services Inc | \$ 715.00 | AT&T Mobility | \$ 557.55 |
| AFLAC | 427.46 | Blue Cross Blue Shield of KS | 7,391.03 |
| Brightspeed | 133.86 | Amazon.com | 330.59 |
| Bay Bridge Administrators LLC | 1,980.47 | Kansas Dept of Revenue | 25.00 |
| Kansas One-Call System, Inc | 4.80 | Evergy | 3,807.35 |
| Kansas Gas Service | 134.37 | Premier Farm & Home | 401.99 |
| Rossville Auto Supply | 310.72 | KS State Treasurer | 1,000.50 |
| Rossville Truck & Tractor Co. | 31.50 | KTA Tolls | 24.50 |
| St. Marys Computers & Printing | 70.00 | Shawnee CO. Solid Waste Dept | 8,270.18 |
| WTC | 1,064.94 | Tallgrass Firearms | 643.53 |
| Yahoo | 24.99 | Tarwater Farm & Home Supply | 61.40 |
| Thomas Sipp | 75.82 | Zoom Video Communications Inc | 15.99 |
| Universal Chemical LLC | 389.39 | Vestis | 276.87 |
| Wehner's Thriftway | 621.36 | Diane Vanderputten | 11,342.76 |
| EFTPS-Fed WH | 1,084.02 | EFTPS-FICA | 2,319.34 |
| EMPower Retirement | 456.76 | Grace Hier | 150.00 |
| Kansas Withholding Tax | 535.37 | KPERS | 1,642.36 |
| Alan Zlatnik | 1,840.27 | Taylor Morelli | 1,117.19 |
| Lisa Stum | 1,482.90 | Randall Anderson | 1,082.49 |
| Chance Stum | 1,308.06 | Douglas Schreiner | 488.39 |
| Harry Hammer III | 36.62 | Tina Dick | 236.61 |
| Frederick White | 352.67 | Thomas Sipp | 1,856.05 |

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| Brooklyn Sipp | 557.51 | Casey's Business Mastercard | 1,281.47 |
| Jalapenos Mexican Grill | 75.15 | Wheatland Pest Control | 145.00 |
| WTC | 6,269.60 | Sam's Club | 53.78 |
| Yahoo | 24.99 | | |
| TOTAL | 64,530.52 | | |

Motion by Dan Glotzbach to pay bills as presented totaling \$64,530.52 was seconded by Trish Heim and carried.

Motion by Dan Glotzbach to approve the agenda with the addition of RCDC and Morgan Hansen was seconded by Vern Sumner and carried.

Lacey Deiter and Morgan Hansen reported on the new leadership status of RCDC. Lacey and Morgan informed council that the annual Tall Corn Festival will be on August 9th, 10th, and 11th. Lacey and Morgan stated that the Street Dance will be on Friday night and requested permission to block off the north end of Main Street Friday afternoon/night. Council did not oppose. Lacey and Morgan said that the alcohol vendor for the dance will check in for any necessary permits/licenses. Other activities to take place include the firework show on Saturday night, the pool party on Sunday afternoon, and the Rossville American Legion's beer garden. The Tall Corn parade will be on Saturday morning, of which Lacey and Morgan requested traffic control from the Rossville Police Department. Also taking place on Saturday morning will be the annual 5k run/walk which is being supervised by the Rossville Community Foundation. The car show will take place Saturday night. Lacey, Morgan, and Police Chief Thomas Sipp discussed blocking off more nearby streets to make additional room for car show participants. Lacey and Morgan informed council that the corn eating contest will be Friday night. Lacey, Morgan, and council discussed possibly moving the contest to a different date/time to draw in a larger crowd.

Morgan Hansen individually addressed the council with miscellaneous concerns about the city. Concerns Morgan presented included an arrest her children witnessed on Highway 24, the robbery of her family's storage unit, and a recent raid. Morgan stated she had spoken with a highway patrolman about ways to prevent these situations. Solutions Morgan presented include enhanced surveillance, a public awareness campaign, hiring another full-time police officer, acknowledging crime instead of ignoring it, and forming a leadership group.

Jeremy Brown reported to council about parking issues at his local business. Jeremy asked council if he can put up a parking sign outside his business. Assistant Clerk informed Jeremy and council that a parking sign can be put up but an ordinance is required for the sign to be enforceable. Council and Mayor also informed Jeremy that Main Street is a county road not a city road. Mayor told Jeremy that he will check with the county and City Attorney to see what can be done in regards to a parking sign.

Dawg House owner Jennifer Stowers told council that the Dawg House is doing a cornhole tournament to benefit the NAI on July 13th. Jennifer stated that the cornhole tournament will take place in the Dawg House parking lot. Jennifer asked council whether a special permit will be needed for alcohol to be carried and drunk in the parking lot of the business. Police Chief Thomas Sipp stated that he saw no problem with alcohol being carried in the parking lot as long as a distinguished and recognizable area for the alcohol was closed in by a snow fence. Chief Sipp told Jennifer and council that he will contact ABC to confirm and will inform them of ABC's decision.

Jennifer also reported on a car show that the Dawg House is doing to benefit the NAI on July 27th. Jennifer told council that she had contacted the owner of the gas station across from the Dawg House in regards to the station being a possible venue for the event. Jennifer asked council about the owner of the land next to the police station as she thought that might be a good venue as well. Council informed Jennifer that the railroad owns that land.

Thomas Walker Jr. told council that he and a board had recently signed a lease for 423 Main with plans to start a school. Thomas advised council that he was told the building is not zoned properly for a school. Thomas stated that school would take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for four hours each day and that the student body would consist of forty to forty-five K-10 students supervised by eight to ten teachers. Thomas referred to Article Nine of the City of Rossville's Zoning Ordinance book stating that "business or commercial schools, including photography, dancing and music academies" are permitted in C-1 districts. Thomas told council that the proposed school will be nonprofit, temporary, and similar to homeschooling. Thomas informed council that the building can

accommodate a school because it has enough rooms and bathrooms. Council expressed concerns about drop off and pick up for the school being on Main Street. Thomas and council discussed parking behind the former hardware store as a possible solution. Mayor stated that he is not comfortable permitting the school under C-1 and told Thomas he would need to address the planning commission. Zoning Administrator Jeffrey Overmyer shared Mayor's concerns and confirmed that Thomas needs to address the planning commission. Thomas and council discussed which town the students will be from. Thomas informed council that the students will be from Maple Hill. Mayor instructed Thomas to address the planning commission so that the proper procedures are followed.

Mayor James Meyer reported that he had attended a Shawnee County Mayors' Meeting and that these meetings are to take place quarterly. Mayor thinks these meetings will be a good way to learn through the experiences of other towns and cities.

Utility Superintendent Alan Zlatnik told council that street repairs had gone well and that he has heard compliments about the work that was completed on the streets. Superintendent Zlatnik reported that the utility department had been trimming trees in the park and that about twenty-nine loads of limbs were hauled away from the park.

Police Chief Sipp reviewed list of items completed by the police department including the Chief attending the Region 1 Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police luncheon, Chief and Asst. Chief assisting KBI task members with a search warrant, responding to a possible suicide, a traffic stop on subject who was smoking blue 30's, more shifts worked by part time officers, responding to a storage unit robbery, and Brooklyn training with Shawnee County Sheriff's Office. Chief Sipp told council about an upcoming KCJIS audit, that he is still awaiting a bid for upfitting the new Tahoe, and that the amount of UTV and ATV registrations has increased since the release of the new stickers. Chief Sipp also reviewed the Police Data Report showing year to date as of 5/31/2024. Council and Police Chief discussed recent news story about a Rossville woman being arrested in Osage County on a meth count.

Assistant Clerk presented EMC insurance quotes and explained the city's choices. Council requested to speak directly with the insurance agent and tabled further discussion to following meeting.

Mayor informed council that he has not yet spoken with City Clerk about budget allowances for employee salaries. Further discussion on employee salaries tabled to following meeting.

Assistant Clerk reported that city received numbers from Shawnee County Clerk for 2025 budget. Assistant Clerk asked council about big projects/purchases that should be included in the 2025 budget. Council and Chief Sipp discussed possibility of another full-time officer. Assistant Clerk advised council of utility department's request for a new mower.

Motion by Trish Heim to adjourn was seconded by Vern Sumner and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Taylor M. Morelli
Asst. City Clerk