A) CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Matt Christenson called the March 18, 2019 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION
The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Pastor John Harrison.

C) ROLL CALL & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Council Present: Mike McBeath, Mark Trummel, Sandy Jungemann, and Pam Reves. Haley Kern was absent. (Staff present: Administrator Stacy Barnes, Clerk Christy Pyatt). Jungemann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Trummel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

D) CITIZEN COMMENTS
There were no comments from those in the audience.

E) CONSENT AGENDA
Trummel asked if funds granted to the Rodeo Club had increased. Barnes stated that Tourism did authorize an increase of funds for the memorial weekend event. Trummel made a motion, seconded by McBeath, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 4-0.

F) ITEMS OF BUSINESS
1. Insurance Renewal
Barnes introduced Insurance Agent Jeanine Hassiepen to present the quote for 2019-2020 insurance coverage for the City through EMC. Council was provided with a quote that is lower than what was distributed in the meeting packets Friday. Hassiepen was able to clarify information on the pump house and lower the premium. The total premium for the year is $82,534. Hassiepen explained that the quote includes new pickups that were added to the City’s fleet last year, liability, linebacker, cyber securing, and inland marine (equipment, sirens, Starlight Park sculptures, law enforcement apparatus) coverages. The City’s current Mod Factor is .84, which Hassiepen rated as wonderful.

Christenson asked for clarification on when the City last put insurance coverage out to bid. The last bid process took place in 2017, with EMC being selected. Hassiepen reminded Council that one of the reasons they chose to remain with EMC was the Municipal Utility Safety Group Dividend that the City receives yearly. In 2017 the City was refunded $15,533. In 2018 $11,485 was refunded.

McBeath made a motion to approve the quote from EMC as presented. Jungemann seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

2. Pool Park Naming Contest Discussion
At the Council Retreat earlier this year, Council discussed the possibility of a naming contest for the Pool Park. Barnes asked if this was something they would like to continue to pursue. The meeting packet contained information from a previous naming contest that had been devised. Barnes noted that the new pavilion has been delivered and that there is additional development to be done on the north end of the park.

McBeath voiced that he was excited to see a naming contest made available. Christenson asked if Council would like to proceed or wait until more of the park is developed. He suggested a naming ceremony in conjunction with a park dedication.
Barnes advised that she has been reviewing some of the previous park development plans, the
citizen survey done by PEC, and community feedback received when the survey was conducted.
Barnes suggested gathering current community feedback through the use of the newsletter and
social media or that Council choose options based on the previous survey results. She would like to
see an acknowledgement to Charles Wise for his years of generous donations and support in the
rebirth of the town. Christenson suggested that Council take some of the more feasible and popular
results of the previous survey and ask the public which of those they would prefer now.

The consensus of the Council was to wait to host a naming contest until the park is at or near
completion.

F) CITY STAFF REPORTS
Barnes reported on the following items:
  • **Pool Shelter** – Staff continues to struggle to get concrete companies to respond to a
    request for bids on the pool park concrete (divided into 3 phases) over the last 6-8 weeks.
    Christenson advised of a similar experience when bidding County projects. One bid has been
    received so far. Barnes hopes to present bids at the next Council meeting.
  • **Tourism Director** – Caitlin Matile has accepted the Tourism Director position and will be
    moving to town this Saturday. She has stopped in and was able to meet some of the Big Well staff.
    She will officially take over April 1st.
  • **Pool Manager/Assistant Manager** – Barnes has begun taking applications for Pool
    Manager and Assistant Manager. Applications will be received through March 29th.
  • **Chamber lighting** – Lighting in the Council Chambers has been upgraded to LED lights,
    allowing for less maintenance and lower energy use.
  • **Auction** – Staff has been working with Gavel Roads Auction to sell 7 pieces
    of unused equipment through an online auction at the end of April.
  • **Big Well** – Visitors to the Big Well have nearly tripled. The Liberal school district is
    bringing all 5th grade classes to visit over the course of 6 weeks. Last week there 70 students, and
    this week there will be 90. Students are split into groups and rotated between the Big Well, the
    Commons, and the Art Center.

H) GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
There were no additional comments from the Council.

I) EXECUTIVE SESSION
  Executive session in accordance with K.S.A 75-4319 to discuss potential economic
development. 15 minutes
Trummel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential economic development
for 15 minutes, until 6:40 p.m. McBeath seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

J) ADJOURNMENT
Returning to open session, and with nothing else to discuss, Christenson declared the meeting adjourned
at 6:43 p.m.

Matt Christenson, Mayor

Christy Pyatt, City Clerk