

**TOWN OF HENNESSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 09, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Hennessey met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on November 09, 2023. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Town Hall Complex located at 123 S. Main, Hennessey, Kingfisher County, Oklahoma.

Mayor Clif Vogt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees David Jones, Bert Gritz, and Randy Bohnstedt answered roll call with Harold Shaw being absent. Others at the council table were Town Clerk Kelley Vaverka, Town Treasurer Shelley Burch, and Town Administrator Tiffany Tillman. Also attending the meeting was Jack Quirk, Angie Bruner, Barb Walter, Eric Smith, Auston Smith, Teresa Dillon, Ruth Ann Hobbs, Joyce Thomas, Wanda Choate, Jackie Smith, Barbara Platt, Lavonne O'Bryant, Lillie Roarke, Denise Meloy, Roni Decker, Susan Henry, and Mark Henry.

REPORT FROM HENNESSEY UNITED- None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Bohnstedt to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the minutes and the October purchase orders due to those items being not available at the time of the meeting. Motion carried 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Presented to the Board by Administrator Tiffany Tillman

OTHER SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE TAKING OVER THE UTILITY BILLS AT THE HENNESSEY COMMUNITY CENTER F.K.A. THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER (APPROX \$800/MO) (PRESENTED BY SUSAN HENRY).

Item was tabled until the board could check with the town attorney

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE REWORKING THE CDS AND POSSIBLY MOVING THEM TO A DIFFERENT INSTITUTION FOR BETTER RATES.

Motion by Bohnstedt, seconded by Vogt to approve working with Interbank to rework the CDs and/or placing the money into a Money Market Account. Motion carried 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE HOLIDAY BONUS' FOR EMPLOYEES.

Tabled to gather more information. Will discuss in special meeting later this month

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE DIRECT DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN HAULED WASTE DIRECTLY IN TO THE WASTEWATWR TREATMENT PLANT WITH A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Tabled to research rates. Will discuss in special meeting later this month.

DISCUSSION WITH [POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF A BACKFLOW PREVENTER VALVE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A SEPARATE VOTE ON THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Bohnstedt to approve the ordinance requiring the installation of a backflow preventer valve under certain circumstances. Motion carried. 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Bohnstedt to approve the emergency clause. Motion carried. 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO RENEW EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION, AND LIFE POLICIES FOR 2024.

Motion by Bohnstedt, seconded by Vogt to approve the renewing the employee health, dental, vision, and life policies for 2024 with BCBS. Motion carried. 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON GROUNDWORK BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND FIRE DEPT.

Tabled for more information

DISTRIBUTION OF TOWN CODE REVISIONS TO REVIEW OV THE NEXT 60 DAYS.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-07 AUTHORIZING OMAG TO DISTRIBUTE ESCROW ACCOUNT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$411.80.

Motion by Gritz, seconded by Bohnstedt to approve Resolution #2023-07 to approve OMAG distribution of \$411.80. Motion carried. 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

NEW BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jack Quirk reported that the pavilion has arrived and is at Thurmond being sandblasted and painted. It should be finished and set by Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL PERSONS REPORT

Shaw-None

Jones-1) Richard Simunek is getting an appraisal on the lots he donated and will transfer them to the city once that's completed. 2) he asked if Silver construction had been paid yet. Checking into it. 3) A citizen complained about the leaking in the basement of the auditorium at the library. The Library Board had reported that it was due to the gutters needing to be replaced and that board had approved them to be replaced but it hasn't happened yet.4) Asked for an update on the auditor. The are still requesting information. 5) He requested a workshop on the computer system to understand it better.6) He would like to have agendas and attachments sent out more than one day ahead to have time to research anything on them before the meeting, possibly 4 days in advance. 7) Bert commented that he would like to have laptops or tablets to look at the agendas and attachments during the meetings instead of searching through a stack of papers. They could type in their motions on the laptop and use a digital recorder to voice their motions.

Gritz- Received a legal opinion from the town attorney on the concern of fire department personnel who also serve on the town board receiving pay for both. He would like to see an ordinance to clarify. Randy clarified that since he was sworn in to the town board, he has not received any pay for his city council position. Dave said he would support Randy to start receiving his pay.

Bohnstedt-None

Vogt-None

ADJOURN

Motion by Vogt, seconded by Bohnstedt to adjourn. Motion carried. 4 YES

ROLL CALL YES: Vogt, Jones, Gritz, Bohnstedt **NO:** **ABSTAIN:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.

Clif Vogt, Mayor

Kelley Vaverka, Town Clerk