

**City of Bentley
Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
150 S. Wichita Ave**

May 26, 2022

Time: 7:30 PM

Mayor Tracy Pribbenow called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present: Mayor - Tracy Pribbenow, James Roberts, President -Toyia Bulla, Stan Ybarra, Shannon Koehn, absent Chris Chippeaux

City Staff Present: City Clerk Tamara Roberts, Dan Bliss- Public Works, Chief Jeremy Lee Fire Department

Toyia Bulla made a motion to approve the revised agenda adding 5b – Council Concerns and 6a City Attorney matters, seconded by Stan Ybarra, passed 3-0.

Toyia Bulla made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12th, 2022, meeting as corrected, seconded by James Roberts, passed 3-0.

Toyia Bulla made a motion for approval of the bills as well as to pre-authorize the \$60.00 per week for the umpire fee for the 5 weeks for T-ball, seconded by James Roberts, passed 3-0.

Mayor Tracy Pribbenow presented to Council her appointment for open City Council seat, Shannon Koehn. Toyia Bulla made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment for the open City Council seat to Shannon Koehn, seconded by James Roberts, passed 3-0. City Clerk, Tamara Roberts read Shannon Koehn her oath of office. Shannon Koehn took her oath of office and accepted her seat on the council at that point.

During citizen's comments, Jeff Witherspoon asked for the approval of alcohol use at the Bentley Eagle Senior Center for the reception of his daughter's wedding. Mayor Tracy Pribbenow said this will be addressed under the legal resolution presented by City Attorney under new business.

Dan Bliss presented that Sedgwick County contacted him to advise that the bridge on 151st St. West, between 85th St N and 93rd St N., south of Bentley, will be closed for repairs starting July for at least 2 to 3 months. Mayor Tracy Pribbenow stated she had talked with Sedgwick County Deputy of Public Works, Lynn Packer, who said that the bridge will be completely closed, and they are hoping to start after harvest and have the bridge back open before State Fair begins but that depends on weather and harvest. Jeremy Lee stated that they are going to put 2 people on-call 24/7 and would like to help those volunteers get reimbursed for being on call for those few months. Jeremy Lee will give Council a calendar and list of those who will be on-call. Toyia Bulla stated that the ARPA funds should help cover the cost of on-call for those volunteers who are stepping up to help. Mayor Tracy Pribbenow and Council members will have to consider the potential costs and it will be discussed again at later date once we find out more details. Toyia Bulla asked if Fire District 1 can reimburse at least a portion of the cost, Jeremy Lee said they will send a request.

Dan Bliss stated that he spoke with Wilkes Construction, and his target date is June 8th to complete culvert located at Eagle St. and Phelps Ave. Toyia Bulla asked if this is around the same time Midland will be fixed and Dan Bliss said that was pushed to the end of June.

Stan Ybarra presented that the amount of rain we have received has created problems with the ditches in town not allowing the water to flow correctly to drain. Stan Ybarra is concerned with the water just sitting in the ditches and the issues with mosquitoes. Stan Ybarra will go around town to see what culverts need to be addressed first and make a list to present it to council at a future meeting. Stan Ybarra was also concerned with trees in the street or branches hanging over in the streets. Brad Jantz stated that we are allowed to trim trees that are in the public right of way, Dan Bliss said it was done back in 2010 and at that time they rented the equipment to get them trimmed up. James Roberts requested to rent a manlift and said he can get some volunteers to help.

Mayor Tracy Pribbenow wanted to know about setting up a budget workshop, Brad Jantz stated that it's about 30 days out and we have until July 20th to notify the county clerk regarding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Toyia Bulla stated she will reach out to Scot Loyd if council still wants to use him. Shannon Koehn made a motion to retain Scot Loyd in the amount of \$1750.00 for the budget advisement, seconded by Toyia Bulla, passed 4-0. James Roberts stated that for the June 23rd meeting that the City Clerk and he(James Roberts) will be gone that week and requested to move the meeting to the 20th of June or not have a meeting at all. Toyia Bulla stated that she also is not available that week either. James Roberts requested to have the auto pay resolution approved for payroll that week. James Roberts made motion to not have the June 23rd, 2022, meeting, seconded by Toyia Bulla, passed 4-0.

City Attorney Brad Jantz presented Resolution 141 for a waiver of the prohibition of the use of alcohol for a private wedding reception on June 11th, 2022, from 5pm – 11pm. Toyia Bulla noted that the current ordinance required a permit fee of \$50 for such a waiver and asked Jeff Witherspoon if he is ok with paying it, and he indicated he was willing to pay it. . Shannon Koehn made the motion to accept Resolution 141 with the specified changes, seconded by Stan Ybarra, passed 4-0.

Brad Jantz stated that he handed out draft copies of the agreement for the sharing of municipal resources and public works staff between the city of Bentley, Kansas with the City of Colwich, Kansas. Brad Jantz spoke with the City Attorney and City Clerk of Colwich, and they stated they have a certified person that would also be willing to help as well. Mayor Tracy Pribbenow stated that there is a person who lives within the city of Bentley who is also certified that might be willing to help as well.

Brad Jantz spoke about the owner's policy on the 310 Midland property which he is currently waiting for it to be returned. Brad Jantz also spoke regarding the special taxes on the land bank lots, and the County staff indicated that they did get all the specials restored, but Toyia Bulla said as of the lot closing on Tuesday they were not restored. Brad Jantz said it would be a couple weeks, but Toyia Bulla said they penciled in the numbers so they could do the closing. Toyia Bulla asked about the 50ft of the railroad property and where they are at with that for the Township. Brad Jantz will talk about that at the next meeting as he gets the clarification on where they are at with that.

Toyia Bulla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm, seconded by Shannon Koehn, passed 4-0.