

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PERRY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

A regular of the City Council of the City of Perry, Kansas was held on December 9, 2020 at the City Hall in Perry, Kansas. The following Council members were present:

**R. J. BROWN, President of the Council
ROSS SMITH
DEREK ALDRIGE
JASON PHILLIPS**

Also present were the following persons:

**LEE W. HENDRICKS, City Attorney
GENE DICK, City Maintenance Supervisor**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

President of the Council, R. J. Brown, ran the meeting on behalf of the absent Mayor, Clay McCarty, and took roll call.

Wayne Ledbetter and Rick Moore appeared on behalf of the Perry/Lecompton Library. They discussed Library usage statistics and provided a handout (attached) discussing recent usage statistics. On behalf of the Library, Wayne Ledbetter asked for a minimum donation from the City of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) with a commitment for five (5) years. Lee Hendricks discussed his concern with the cash basis law as it relates to the five-year commitment. He reminded the Council that this current Council cannot bind future councils to such a payment. He did state, however, that they can recommend that future councils follow their lead for a five-year period. Wayne Ledbetter expressed that he understood that a good faith representation of intent by this Council to support the Library long term is favorable to the Library Board and for other funding options. A discussion was then had on the timing of such a payment and Rick Moore said that a payment in January of 2021 would be agreeable. Ross Smith made a motion to donate Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to the Perry/Lecompton Library, as well as a recommendation to future councils that it is in the best financial interest for the preservation of the Library that a similar Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) payment be made in the next four (4) years. Jason Phillips seconded, and the Council unanimously approved the motion.

Gene Dick and Lee Hendricks discussed an issue whereby multiple property owners within the City are allowing the easement behind their homes, which is their responsibility for maintenance, to become overgrown in violation of the City Code. A discussion was had about maintenance of property on the easement. A motion was made by Jason Phillips

requesting that Lee Hendricks send a letter to these owners informing them of the violation. The motion was seconded by Derek Aldrige, and the Council unanimously approved the motion.

Lee Hendricks then discussed that there would be upcoming work in the videoing of the City lines and the possibility exists that the contractor conducting that work may need to access a line within the City's easement which is covered by a fence or similar blockage. The Council agreed that this is clearly within the City's ability to access their easement, regardless of such obstacles. A discussion was had about informing the owners prior to that work to give them an idea that this possibility exists.

Council Member Phillips discussed the disappearance of the recycle dumpster in town. The Council discussed it would try to get a provider to attend the meeting in January 2021.

Council Member Brown asked Lee Hendricks regarding the status of 108 Allen's Alley. Lee Hendricks said he would look into the matter.

A motion was made by Jason

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion of Jason Phillips, seconded by Ross Smith, and unanimously carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.