

MONDAY

May 17, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in Regular Session in the Commission Room located at City Hall.

PRESENT:	Gary Schmidt	Mayor
	Don Peters	Commissioner
	Zach Deeds	Commissioner
	Jeanette Siemens	Commissioner
	Kyle Farmer	Commissioner
ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Brent Carver	Finance Director
	Regina Goff	City Attorney
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Larry Eisenhauer	Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmidt. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to note that all Commissioners were present.

Mayor Schmidt reminded the audience that this meeting may be taped and/or recorded.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Peters led the audience and staff in the invocation and Mayor Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION:

City Manager Pinkall introduced the new Finance Director Brent Carver to the staff and audience. Mr. Pinkall stated that Mr. Carver joined the staff last Thursday and we were glad to have him.

MINUTES:

- May 03, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting
- May 10, 2021 Recessed City/County Joint Meeting

Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 03, 2021 regular Commission meeting and the May 10, 2021 recessed City/County joint meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and the motion and second carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR DISC GOLF TO USE PARK ON JUNE 12TH:

Mr. Joe Burt asked for permission to use May Dennis Park on June 12th for the disc golf tournament. Mr. Burt stated that they were capping the players at eighty and were encouraging them to go around town to eat. Mr. Burt added that they were mirroring what they did last year and asked that the bathrooms be opened and extra trash containers be available. With no more discussion, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the disc golf tournament on June 12th at May Dennis Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF DIVIDEND CHECK:

Mr. Rich Sanders informed the Commission that he was at the meeting to present the City their yearly dividend check from EMC. Mr. Sanders commented that they were a part of a program that involved around 480 cities in Kansas and their experience. Mr. Sanders stated that EMC pays dividends on 15% of last year's premiums and this year's check was \$71,480. Mr. Sanders stated that the check for the last three years had been in the 15% range.

CLARIFICATION AND DISCUSSION ON CODY'S HOUSE:

Mr. Darren Dauner commented that he was at this meeting to give some clarification on Cody's House and to have some discussion. Mr. Dauner stated that he knew there was some opposition of the initiation and he hoped to give them some oversight. Mr. Dauner explained that he had attended a meeting at the Barron two years ago that was the result of a \$5,000 grant from the hospital and the study showed that Pratt was the #1 user of opioids in Kansas. Mr. Dauner commented that we had had some tragic losses in the last year of young women and one was a young woman who had five young children. Mr. Dauner stated that she had a history of opioid use.

Mr. Dauner stated that Cody's House is a Christ Center Restoration Ministry and he had not seen what disinformation was out there. Mr. Dauner commented that he had visited with Mr. and Mrs. Inslee and they had concerns about having prisoners and felons in there. Mr. Dauner added that he had recently talked to another young man who had a little girl that would be attending daycare just north of there. Mr. Dauner clarified that he was talking about the building that was an old college dormitory by the school on Taylor Street. Mr. Dauner stated that, among other things in the State of Kansas, you cannot have sex offenders or violent offenders within so many feet of a daycare and he was not going to do that. Mr. Dauner added that that was not on the table.

Mr. Dauner stated that he had been working with Celebrate Recovery through the Friends Church for about fifteen years now and over two million people had gone through that ministry. Mr. Dauner commented that that was what led to Cody's House and it came from a man that was working on a house and he self-medicated and died. Mr. Dauner stated that our aim was to have a comprehensive service to the community to provide a service for a positive change. Mr. Dauner explained that it takes two to five years for the brain chemistry to change from drug addiction or other addictions, but insurance typically pays for thirty days. Mr. Dauner stated that they are willing to work within the frame work and improving the community. Mr. Dauner commented that low-income housing leads to other things, so they were looking at providing a service that is safe and highly supervised. Mr. Dauner explained that, at Cody's House, it will be required for any resident to be in a community of faith of their choosing every weekend with verification, be at Celebrate Recovery every Wednesday night and be at Circles of Hope, which is a program about lifting people out of poverty.

Mr. Dauner stated that in 1972 Pratt had the highest divorce rate per capita in the United States and trauma was what drives opioid use, substance abuse or domestic violence. Mr. Dauner commented that it happened to him personally, because he went through divorce himself fourteen years later due to alcohol.

Mr. Dauner stated that he had been alcohol free since 1991 because of programs like Cody's House and people who would talk to him.

City Attorney Goff asked Mr. Dauner if he would describe this facility as a sober living facility. Ms. Goff added that she was wanting to know for legality reasons. Mr. Dauner answered that he would not and that it was Christ Center Restoration. Mr. Dauner explained that, out of the over 2 million plus people that come out of Celebrate Recovery, 67% struggle with life, grief, anxiety, depression, divorce and the effects of divorce and poverty. Mr. Dauner explained that they need ongoing long-term support. Ms. Goff clarified that they were proposing a facility for people who struggle with a variety of issues and not just addictions. Mr. Dauner stated that that was correct. Mr. Dauner commented that he was asked why there could not be a rehabilitation center or intervention facility to help people going through withdrawal. Mr. Dauner stated that intervention across the United States fails without support and it does not last long enough to overcome life's issues.

Commissioner Deeds asked if Mr. Dauner could describe the dynamic of the house and if there would always be someone there. Mr. Dauner stated that there probably would not be someone there all the time. Mr. Dauner commented that this was not like an Oxford House where they were highly supervised and had their own policies. Mr. Dauner explained that, if you use a substance, you are out immediately, but they are very successful. Mr. Dauner stated that this would not be an Oxford House.

Ms. Jan Merz addressed the Commission about her concerns about it being close to the school and her garage being in their back yard. Ms. Merz commented that she knew it was needed, but not in a residential area. Mr. Dave Inslee addressed the Commission and stated that he was invested in this community and had visited with Mr. Dauner. Mr. Inslee commented that they had covered a lot of points and he could not disagree with anything that Mr. Dauner had said. Mr. Inslee stated that one of his concerns was the school and the children in the vicinity. Mr. Inslee commented that he agreed with what Mr. Dauner had said. Ms. Jennifer Inslee stated that there was no clear direction and she felt that there would be people coming in from other counties into our City and County. Ms. Inslee commented that it was said that if they break the rules, they would be out, so then they would be our problem. Ms. Inslee questioned where they were to go if they would get back on drugs. Ms. Inslee stated that Oxford House was a very lucrative business and the people in those houses could have \$98 a week to live and they pay rent and split the bills to live there. Ms. Inslee commented that Mr. Dauner had stated that they would be leasing from the property owner. Ms. Inslee commented that parking was a problem with three daycares in the area and the school, but he had stated that they would be making a parking lot between the two houses. Ms. Inslee stated that there were things that happen in a parking lot when you do not have a job and there were too many 'what if's'. Ms. Inslee stated that she could get behind the mission, but not in this area, not with the schools and not when things go awry.

Ms. Jody Zink asked why that particular building and questioned if that building had not been condemned at one time. Building Inspector Blankenship stated that it had not been condemned and it was one of the best built buildings of that age in this City. Ms. Zink asked why it had set empty all this time. Mr. Blankenship stated that he was not the one to answer that. Ms. Zink asked who owned it. Ms. Goff stated that Tom Black was the owner. Ms. Zink asked why he had not done anything about it before. Ms. Goff stated that he was not here to answer that. Ms. Zink stated that she lived in that neighborhood and she did not think it was a good location. Ms. Zink suggested Steve Brown's old building and it was across the street from the police department where they could keep an eye on them. Ms. Goff stated that there are some Federal oversites that the community were not aware of and sober living facilities were protected and their plan was protected from the Supreme Court all the way down primarily from the American Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act. Ms. Goff commented that it absolutely exempts local Governments from oversight for enforcement, because addiction, according to the American Disabilities Act, was defined as a disability; therefore, it becomes a federal law issue and not a local law issue. Ms.

Zink questioned if they truly did not have a voice. Ms. Goff stated that they have a voice with the house owner and it would be a community discussion. Ms. Goff commented that our hands were tied in many ways regarding sober living facilities. Ms. Goff stated that, depending on how this shapes out, would determine whether it was a federal law issue or a local government issue. Ms. Zink asked if their hands were tied. Ms. Goff stated that she would be glad to meet with them individually, but there were several cases where cities were sued by sober living facilities and they lost.

Commissioner Peters asked if Mr. Dauner had not decided what type of facility it was going to be. Mr. Dauner stated that he had not and he was not interested in forcing anything down anyone's throat. Mr. Dauner questioned who would have an objection to a low income, long term, highly supervised facility for single mothers. Commissioner Peters stated that he did not think anyone would if it was highly supervised; however, people wanted to know what type of supervision, what type of clients and if they were they single mothers having problems with children. Mr. Dauner stated that it was still undefined and he knew the community needed more discussion. Mr. Dauner commented that they were aware of the problem and that there was opposition to the location. Mr. Dauner explained that they were being led to the single women who were struggling and if you were in the Circles of Hope program.

Mr. George Brown asked if this was going to require a zoning change. Ms. Goff stated that sober living was residential. Mr. Dauner stated that 'Matt' had come to see him last week with his concerns and had come at it with a different point of view. Mr. Dauner commented that this was going on in his community with no supervision and they had no knowledge of whether there would be drug use or not and they would be living by those activities. Mr. Dauner stated that his concern was that there was nothing that he could do about it. Commissioner Peters stated the primary reason that the Commission wanted to have him here was to get a vision and a plan of what he was going to do and give some explanation. Mr. Dauner stated that it would be six months before the facility would be restored. Mayor Schmidt stated that they appreciated this time.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR 2021-2022 FORD F550 AERIAL LIFT BUCKET TRUCK:

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that he budgeted for equipment constantly and he had a service truck that was failing. Mr. Huber commented that he had gone out for bids since the failing truck had cost them \$67,000 in repairs and may not last too many more years. Mr. Huber stated that 75% of their fleet was Altec, which they had gotten a bid from and they also got a bid from Terex. Mr. Huber stated that Altec bid a 2021/2022 and possibly a 2023AT37G for \$133,379, which was cheaper than the first one they bought in 2017 and the lead time was 500/530 days. Mr. Huber commented that Terex Utilities bid for a 2021/2022 TL37 \$152,344 with a lead time of 390/450 days. Mr. Huber explained that both gave options and 5 year warranties and they come out for inspections every six months.

Mr. Huber stated that both offered a trade-in value, but the truck was worth more than that, so we will look at putting it on purple wave and see if we could not get more. Mr. Huber recommended the bid from Altec to come out of capital equipment and this would go into another budget year being that far out. Mr. Huber commented that we could pay for it outright or use the lease/purchase option, but that would come back to the Commission. Mr. Huber stated that the total cost from Altec for a 2021/2022 AT37G 4x4 F550 would be \$159,024.46, which included sales tax. Mr. Huber explained that we would not pay them the tax directly, but would pay it when we went to get the tag. Commissioner Peters asked if Mr. Huber was putting other things in capital equipment reserves. Mr. Huber stated that he was. Commissioner Peters asked if he knew how much we set aside for 2021 in capital improvements. Mr. Huber stated that it should have around \$600,000 and that had been building up for the last four years. Commissioner Deeds asked about the shop they had talked about. Mr. Huber commented that that money was in capital outlays and that was a different line item. Commissioner Peters questioned if we have to write a check

for this now. Mr. Huber stated that we just sign a contract, but no money changes hands until the truck is delivered. Mr. Huber added that, if it takes longer than expected and goes to a 2023, they would stick to this cost.

With no more discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2021/2022 AT37G 4X4 F550 from Altec Industries for \$159,024.46. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORD. 2108 AMENDING RUNNING AT LARGE:

City Attorney Goff stated that we did revise our animal ordinance a few years ago; however, we never know how they were going to be treated in court until the experience comes up in court. Ms. Goff commented that these changes would make the ordinance or the intent easier to enforce and to prosecute. Ms. Goff stated that Ordinance 2108 amends Section 6.04.140 of our Code book and the only thing changing would be that the current Section reads that it is unlawful for any person to willfully allow any animal or fowl under his or her control to be or to run at large in the City. Ms. Goff explained that, when the Court reads that word for word, the person would have to push that animal out and tell them run or go. Ms. Goff stated that now the ordinance says ‘It is unlawful for any person to negligently, recklessly, intentionally or willfully allow any animal or fowl under his or her control to be or to run at large within the City.’ Ms. Goff explained that, if an animal owner is aware that their animal has the potential to run at large, they are then charged with the obligation to shore up a fence or make sure their door latches properly.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2108 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.140 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT PROHIBITING ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.** Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve Ordinance 2108 amending Section 6.04.140 prohibiting animals running at large. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and it carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORD. 2109 PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL DEFINITIONS:

Ms. Goff stated that Ordinance 2109 seeks to amend the definition of dangerous animals. Ms. Goff commented that the current definition is any animal that behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe possess an imminent threat or serious threat of death to one or more persons or domestic animals. Ms. Goff stated that there were a lot of elements there and a lot of high standards for the court to find that an animal is dangerous. Ms. Goff explained that she would have to put a person on the stand and prove that they were a reasonable person and that they were truly going to die or be seriously injured. Ms. Goff stated that she was asking the Commission to amend that Ordinance to say that a dangerous animal is any animal which, because of its physical nature, or vicious propensity, is capable of inflicting physical harm or cause injury to, or otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals.

Ms. Goff reminded the Commission that we had heard from a gentleman a few months ago about his dog that had been mauled to death and she had to put him on the stand. Ms. Goff commented that he was very emotional and she did not feel that victims deserve that treatment. Ms. Goff stated that she felt this ordinance would put that in the Judge’s hands.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2109 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.300 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT PROVIDING DANGEROUS ANIMAL DEFINITIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.** Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve Ordinance 2109 providing for the dangerous animal definitions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORD. 2110 PROVIDING A PROHIBITION ON KEEPING DANGEROUS ANIMALS:

Ms. Goff stated that this ordinance stemmed from an appellate court case that she was arguing currently. Ms. Goff commented that our current ordinance provides that, if an animal is found to be a dangerous animal and the owner is cited, they have the opportunity to take the animal out of the City; however, if they choose not to take the animal out of the City, the Animal Control Officer can capture the animal until further order of the court. Ms. Goff commented that ‘until further order of the court’ is the only language in the vicious animal section of our ordinance that demonstrates a disposition. Ms. Goff stated that when she has a case in court and this is the second dangerous animal finding, the Judge is reluctant to euthanize because the ordinance did not say euthanize or destroy. Ms. Goff stated that she would like to tell the Judge that they have the authority to make that decision, because it would be in Ordinance 2110 Subsection B and C. Ms. Goff explained that Subsection B reads ‘Animals determined to be dangerous shall be euthanized or otherwise disposed of by order of the municipal judge’. Ms. Goff stated that Subsection C gets a little stronger if it would be a second offense and reads ‘Any animal that has previously been determined to be dangerous, upon a second finding of being dangerous, shall be euthanized by order of the municipal court judge. No disposition other than the animal being euthanized shall be permitted upon a second finding that an animal is dangerous’. Ms. Goff commented that she did not want to give a dog two shots at biting a child.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2110 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.310 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT PROVIDING A PROHIBITION ON KEEPING DANGEROUS ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.** Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2110 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORD. 2111 PROVIDING A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE PROHIBITION ON KEEPING DANGEROUS ANIMALS:

Ms. Goff stated that this ordinance is in direct response to Mr. Hubbard’s presentation to this body. Ms. Goff commented that the Section 6.04.370 of our Code book says that when the animal control officer determines that an animal is dangerous, they can give the owner the opportunity to remove in five days; however, if the animal is not removed, the animal control officer would issue the owner a citation. Ms. Goff continued stating that such owner or keeper should remove the animal within the required time such a notice should not be required, so the animal control office is required to give notice to the animal owner if the dangerous animal has caused any serious harm or death to any person or any animal. Ms. Goff explained that she had added the words ‘or any animal’ because it was not part of the original ordinance.

Commissioner Deeds asked if a dog bite had to break the skin. Police Chief stated that a dog bite did have to break the skin. Commissioner Deeds commented that this would encompass more than that and would not just have to be a bite. Ms. Goff stated that it would be more than scaring. Commissioner

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Peters asked if his dog would be considered dangerous if he was on a leash and got away and mauled another dog. Ms. Goff stated that he did do harm.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2111 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.370 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT PROVIDING A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE PROHIBITION ON KEEPING DANGEROUS ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2111 providing a notice of violation of the prohibition on keeping dangerous animals. The motion was seconded by Mayor Schmidt and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE RE-APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION:

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that several members of the Planning Commission come up for reappointment in May. Mr. Blankenship commented that they have a strong Commission and Monte Hostetler, Donna Hoener-Queal and Bryan Barnard were all up for another three-year term. Mr. Blankenship stated that they all attended the meetings and were willing to serve another term. With no discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to reappoint Monte Hostetler, Donna Hoener-Queal and Bryan Barnard to another three-year term on the Planning commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

- **Side-by-Side UTV's:**

Mr. Ryan Rose addressed the Commission concerning riding a side-by-side UTV in Pratt and he wanted some clarification. Mr. Rose stated that you could do all kinds of things with them. Mayor Schmidt asked if they require a tag. Mr. Rose stated that they did not here, but some cities did. Mr. Rose added that the State of Kansas allows hand signals. Police Chief Humble commented that there were certain things that allow them to be legal, but they were not allowed in the City limits. Chief Humble clarified that State Statutes that allow them; however, the City had ordinances that did not. City Attorney Goff commented that we kind of treat them in a blanket way, which prohibits them. Commissioner Peters asked if we had any problems with them. Chief Humble stated that we did get complaints.

Chief Humble stated that they were like golf carts or like any other vehicle and there were gray areas as to what was allowed. Chief Humble commented that there were liability issues, you had to have a valid driver's license and we would have to have a different ordinance. Ms. Tammy Krom stated that they typically bought theirs to ride in the City limits and they did have valid driver's licenses. Ms. Krom commented that they knew that they could not drive on the highway and theirs had DOT tires, 4-point harnesses, brake lights and blinkers. Ms. Krom explained that these were not slow-moving vehicles and were safer than a motorcycle and very expensive. Mr. Rose stated that he was open minded to paying for a sticker. Ms. Krom stated that they wanted to ride them to get out to the country. City Attorney Goff stated that she had been approached by law enforcement and they want to know what to do also. Ms. Krom commented that they want to ride them and they know they had to have insurance. With a little more discussion, Mayor Schmidt asked that the City Manager, City Attorney and the Police Chief look into this a little further. Ms. Krom asked if anything would be ready by the next meeting. Ms. Goff stated that she had a lot to work on, but she would make no promises.

REPORTS:

Building Inspections:

- **House demo'd:**

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that there were several houses that were partially torn down. Mr. Blankenship commented that the house in the 300 block of North Pine that had fire damage was partially down. Mr. Blankenship explained that the neighbor was putting a garage there and it would be a drastic improvement. Mr. Blankenship commented that the City gets 15% from the insurance company when he releases the property and the property owner gets the remaining funds. Mr. Blankenship stated that the change of ownership did not change who gets the money.

Mr. Blankenship stated that the house on the 400 block of North Oak and was on the west side of the Catholic Church was privately done. Mr. Blankenship commented that the one at 1017 West 3rd Street was also damaged by fire and had called in for dig safe and should come down in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Blankenship stated that the duplex at 400 North Ninescah should be coming down and they want to put in underground electric and put up a garage.

- **Budgeted money for demo:**

Commissioner Peters asked how much money Mr. Blankenship had for demo. Mr. Blankenship stated that he got \$50,000 each year for mowing and to demo houses. Mr. Blankenship explained that, when he cleans up a property, he had to have an asbestos abatement and that was \$10,000 minimum and individuals did not have to do that. Commissioner Peters asked if he had any on his radar. Mr. Blankenship stated that he had a few.

Electric Department:

- **Replacing rotten poles:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that the lines guys were busy replacing some rotten poles and doing some tree trimming.

- **Steam units:**

Mr. Huber stated that they were replacing some controls in the steam units that the Commission had recently approved and had been testing them. Mr. Huber commented that, while testing the steam unit, the steam driven oil pump failed. Mr. Huber stated that this was a 1964 unit and the guys were trying to find the part. Mr. Huber explained that we have another unit that they only use for back-up parts and they had been on the phone trying to find answers. Mr. Huber stated that, as of now, that unit was non-operational. Mayor Schmidt asked if that was the big one. Mr. Huber stated that it was. Mr. Huber stated that they would keep working on trying to find the part.

Commissioner Peters asked if the part could be custom made. Mr. Huber stated that the one we had was close. Power Plant Superintendent Evans stated that they were going to test it this week. Mr. Huber stated that they would pressure it up to 200psi and see if it would operate, which would make him feel better. Mr. Huber commented that that might get us by in a bind. Mayor Schmidt asked if they had checked other Cities' inventories throughout the State. Mr. Huber stated that they had thought about calling other Cities that have mothballed theirs. Mr. Huber commented that right now we were back to the two diesel units.

Recreation Department:

- **Busy time:**

Recreation Director Eisenhauer stated that the Sports Complex project was just about wrapped up. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that there would be seven high school games in two days, this weekend there would be 46 teams playing starting Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that a week from Thursday would be jam packed with 2 1-A State tournaments. Mr. Eisenhauer added that there would be 90 games in three days.

Public Works:

- **Pool:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he was busy working on the pool and getting water in it. Mr. Rambat commented that they were reviving the committee. Mr. Pinkall added that they did not have a date for their first meeting yet.

- **Striper:**

Mr. Rambat stated that the stripers should be here in the next couple weeks to do First Street and they would also do the new Complex parking lot.

- **Lemon Park:**

Mayor Schmidt commented that he knew there was a lot of dirt hauled from the Complex to Lemon Park where it had washed out by the trees, but he was curious if any grass was planted. Mr. Rambat stated that Park Superintendent Quint had gotten with Kansas State Agriculture and Younie Lawnscape and they got a variety of grass that had some roots to it that would hold it all together. Mr. Rambat commented that this was probably the most it had been managed in that area, but it was in a floodplain and, if it happens again, we would probably designate it a wetland because of the amount of water that goes through there.

Police Department:

- **Staffing:**

Chief Humble stated that Officer Nick Allen would be graduating this Friday and would be back on Monday. Chief Humble commented that they had two applicants set up for interviews this week and then they would be fully staffed. Commissioner Peters asked if they were experienced. Chief Humble stated that they were not, so they would have to attend the academy. Chief Humble stated that they had two new employees starting in dispatch, but they had two positions open. Commissioner Peters asked how soon they could be on their own. Chief Humble stated that we could train in-house; however, there was a fourteen-week academy. Chief Humble stated that they had to take and meet guidelines.

Finance Department:

- **New employee:**

Mayor Schmidt welcomed Brent Carver to the City and his new position as Finance Director. Mr. Carver stated that as he starts his journey of interacting with everyone, he would welcome everyone to share their thoughts and ideas on how to improve any thoughts or processes that would be helpful going forward.

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Mr. Carver commented that he was approachable and would be willing to listen. Mayor Schmidt stated that he would get a lot of indoctrination as we enter into the budget process in the next several weeks. Mayor Schmidt commented that they look forward to that time of the year.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk