

Bridge Babes By Nancy Gleason



It was a little cooler today but the cards were hot. Phyllis was our leader and we feasted on some very tasty snacks. Everyone was in a good mood and only minor bickering was overheard.

I know you are all waiting to see who won today, so here we go. It is Marshall County Fair time and the purple ribbon was claimed by Linda with a whopping score of over 4,000. Bringing home top blue was Terri and yours truly, Granny G, got to clean out the cattle barn. Those earning a participation ribbon were Beth, Marybeth, Marty, Lorene, Verneil, Nancy Gal, Janet, Marge and Phyllis. We missed Connie and Helen but we were glad to have Marty and Janet join us today. Who started this business of getting an award for participation? Good grief, you either win or lose. Losing builds character and the Bridge Babes are full of characters.

Grandma Phyllis wins the bragging rights this month. Her grandson from Auburn, KS, "Dawn's son", won the Junior National Hereford Individual Judging Contest at Nationals. Way to go, Dagan! Not sure if you remember but it was their family that had a heifer named Phyllis, and she was a prize Hereford.

We had quite a discussion about putting on your big girl panties. We were trying to decide if that meant you had a big rear or you were tough and brave. One of the young Babes shared this: Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning, all you need are two hearts and a diamond. As the years go by, sometimes you wish you had a club and a spade.

We were thankful for the garden produce that Beth brought to share. Here is a hint from the Farmers Almanac: to avoid tears peeling an onion, first chill the onion for about 30 minutes, avoid the root which is the most tear inducing, or, better yet and easier, have someone else peel it for you.

Did you hear about the gal that threw a stick of butter out the window? She wanted to see a butterfly. What did the baby corn say to the mom corn? Where is Popcorn? In closing, what do you call a cat that eats lemons? A sour puss. Till next time.

Vermillion City Council

The Vermillion City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell Ogg on July 10, 2024 at 6 p.m. Those present were: Council persons, Debbie Evans, Nancy Jackson, Stacie Fleming, Steve Evans, City Treasurer Carol Worden and City Superintendent Shane Woodside. Paul Frazer was absent. Cori Kallenbach, Tressa Jacobson, Sheldon Voet and Derick Fleming were also in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheldon Voet with Heartland Antique Tractor Pullers addressed the city council on using the city park and track to host an Antique Tractor Pull on August 10, 2024 at 5 p.m. Stacie Fleming made a motion to have the event as long as the insurance is covered, seconded by Debbie Evans, votes as follows: Stacie-Y, Debbie-Y, Steve-Y, Nancy-Y, Paul-Absent, and carried.

The minutes from the June meeting were read. Stacie Fleming made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as read, seconded by Steve Evans, votes as follows: Stacie-Y, Debbie-Y, Steve-Y, Nancy-Y, Paul-Absent, and carried.

Debbie Evans made a motion to approve the July bills, seconded by Stacie Fleming, votes as follows: Stacie-Y, Debbie-Y, Steve-Y, Nancy-Y, Paul-Absent, and carried.

Stacie Fleming made a motion to remove the new water meter that was installed for the Huddleston property, seconded by Debbie Evans, votes as follows: votes as follows: Stacie-Y, Debbie-Y, Steve-Y, Nancy-Y, Paul-Absent, and carried.

Shane presented some changes that were made to the 2025 Budget to the city council for review and stated the 2025 Budget Hearing will be at the next scheduled council meeting on August 14, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Debbie Evans made a motion to purchase some cold mix from Hall Brothers, seconded by Stacie Fleming, votes as follows: Stacie-Y, Debbie-Y, Steve-Y, Nancy-Y, Paul-Absent, and carried.

Debbie Evans made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stacie Fleming, votes as follows: Stacie-Y, Debbie-Y, Steve-Y, Nancy-Y, Paul-Absent, and carried.

Shane Woodside, City Superintendent

Public Notice							
							State of Kansas City
(Published in the <i>Frankfort Area News</i> on July 25, 2024)							
2025							
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING							
The governing body of City of Vermillion							
will meet on August 14, 2024 at 6 P.M. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.							
BUDGET SUMMARY							
Proposed Budget 2025 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2024 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2025 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.							
FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2023		Current Year Estimate for 2024		Proposed Budget for 2025		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	68,050	82.963	83,990	65.503	84,750	22,813	64.161
Debt Service							
Library	2,229	6.277	3,027	4.939	3,270	1,718	4.832
Special Highway	2,690		3,000		3,000		
Electric	108,177		124,000		128,000		
Water	38,485		48,250		46,000		
Sewer	20,622		29,000		28,500		
Non-Budgeted Funds	1,728,111						
Totals	1,968,364	89.240	291,267	70.442	293,520	24,531	68.993
					<i>Revenue Neutral Rate**</i>		
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	1,968,364		291,267		293,520		
Total Tax Levied	24,537		24,531		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	314,906		348,245		355,559		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	272,000		409,715		393,643		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	19,909		13,854		7,611		
Total	291,909		423,569		401,254		
*Tax rates are expressed in mills							
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988							
Shane W. Woodside							
City Official Title: City Clerk							