

## Clyde City Council meets twice last week

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to see if any apply. For now John will use only the trailer mounted propane tanks. He is working through state inspections and licensing so no opening date has been set yet.

Mr. Rudolph gave a fire department update. There were water valves replaced in the city truck and all are working great at this time. The city truck may need to be replaced soon, it has low mileage but it is getting harder to find parts for.

The bunker gear for firefighters is aging out also, and Mr. Rudolph discussed how to purchase more. Since the rural department and city department are the same volunteers, there has been some bunker gear purchased by the rural department, but more is needed. G. Sipe asked Edward to put a plan together for needs of the department over the next three years so that the city can plan for replacement of items.

Mrs. Debes and Ms. Saunders asked permission to open the swimming pool on weekends through Labor Day. Ms. Saunders is one of the lifeguards and she would be working some shifts, and Mrs. Debes will poll the other lifeguards to see if anyone is interested in working. J. Luecke and J. Skocny expressed being in favor of the pool being open. G. Sipe asked the ladies to draw up proposed hours and a work schedule and the council could call a special meeting to discuss and possibly approve the additional hours. D. LeDuc pointed out that to keep the pool open that long it would take around \$1000 for additional chemicals and 3,700 gallons to refill the pool due to evaporation.

Next year Mrs. Debes will not be managing the swimming pool but expressed interest in helping the city recruit a manager for 2027. The city will begin to advertise the position immediately.

James reported that the new accounting software will be installed on the 10th.

NCKCN will no longer pro-

vide internet service to Clyde after December 31, 2026, so the city will need to find a new provider.

James asked to attend the League of Municipalities meetings in Wichita October 8 –10. The council approved the training.

When James went to mail out the water bills this month, the Post Office in town was out of stamps, so mailing was delayed a couple of days until stamps could be purchased.

Village Green/Clyde in Action update – Mrs. Skocny gave a recap of the year so far at the Village Green and so far the park has had 15 reservations with 3 more pending this year. Since opening the cornhole boards have been replaced with more weather resistant ones and removed one broken bench that has been kept for parts.

The next course of action for Clyde in Action is to produce videos for why to live here, including highlighting businesses and the positives of the town. Also, the CiA will help assist those moving to town with housing options. They plan to create social media content that explains home funding, tax credits, etc.

New CiA board members were announced with Ashley Branfort replacing Rusty Sikes and Colby Garrison will take a vacant seat.

Cover & Quill – Mrs. Skocny and Mrs. Nobert discussed their business, Cover & Quill. It started in their homes, but they have purchased the Christian Church building and are renovating it and exploring business opportunities at the location. They asked about zoning approval as the church is in a residential zone. G. Sipe will convene the zoning board to discuss changing the Christian Church property to commercial.

Council comments: M. Jones reported that on Wednesday, August 12, Tim Beims, Executive Director of CloudCorp will be in Clyde with two representatives of the Center of Rural Innovation, and they

will be meeting with select local businesspeople about the town.

C. Walter asked about applications for the assistant city superintendent position, which will be open once Dan retires at the end of the year. The state says that whoever is hired must live within 10 minutes of town in case of emergency. The city will continue to advertise the position with the ads saying that an applicant is preferred to live within a 10-mile radius.

Old business – Grand Avenue sewer line – G. Sipe met with the citizens that are on the west Grand Avenue private sewer line and explained that a new city sewer line would be installed, but they would need to pay a portion of the bill. All were in agreement to go ahead with the project, and G. Sipe stated that work may begin as early as September.

Water tower – The council met last month with a representative from Viking, who had done an assessment ear-

lier in the year on the main water tower. The council still has many questions on the repair options and will get more information and make a decision later.

New business: 2027 budget – James had copies distributed of the proposed 2027 budget and went over it with the council. There were no concerns, the budget hearing notice will be published in the newspaper, and the hearing is scheduled for September 2nd.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Clyde City Council will be Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. \*Minutes are reporter's and not an official record of the City of Clyde.

Payment of bills: Stress Crete Poles, light pole, \$3,817.00; Stress Crete Poles, light pole, \$3,453.00; Atlas Signs and Plaques, light pole plaque, \$250.00; Logan Brown, water testing reimb., \$25.00; Clyde

Automotive, truck repair, \$620.69; Clyde Auto Parts, supplies, \$15.44; Schendel Pest Control, pest control, \$57.00; Gallagher Plumbing and Heating, Inc., library a/c repair, \$86.99; Twin Valley Telephone, telephone, \$291.29; T-Mobile, basic plan, \$39.99; Logan Brown, phone reimb., \$39.99; City of Clyde, transfer to pool account, \$7,500.00; Kansas State Treasurer, bond payment, \$35,800.00; Kansas Gas Service, natural gas, \$262.85; Clyde Hometown Lumber, supplies, \$259.06; Kansas One Call, locates, \$15.96; Hawkins, chemicals, \$617.57; John Deere Financial, fuel, \$2,489.68; Clyde Ideal Market, supplies, \$60.92; Condray, Thompson & Vanhorn, attorney fees, \$522.50.

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