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HARPER CITY COUNCIL March 24 Minutes

Council met in regular session with Mayor Latta in chair.

Eric Barker Present Rose Ann Green Present Lonnie Teel Present

David Earls Present Kenneth Leu Present Brande Vogeles Present

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

CONSENT AGENDA Minutes of the March 10, 2025 Council Meeting.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 03242025

February Municipal Court Publication Report

Motion by Eric Barker second by Lonnie Teel to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6- 0.

Public Comment: None Department Reports:

Police: Chief Burns

introduced new officer Larry “Willie” Duhon. Officer Duhon will be attending the academy at the first available opportunity once all prerequisites are completed.

Public Works: Winter street banners had been removed, repairs need to be done on some of the brackets. Admin explained difficulties surrounding the water leak in the 200 block of east Main St. Street department had fabricated a

new sprayer for the mule, and repaired a leak at airport pilot lounge. Public works worked on the concrete pad for the new City Hall flag pole.

Admin:Admin. Cooper-rider had met with RSM Marketing to revisit the digital marketing for Sycamore Development. They were updating their quote since it had been about 10 months since they quoted the project.

Invitations to Bid were sent out for HWY 160 and the Ash/Walnut Restoration curb and gutter. Deadline for submission was April 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. A revised GAP for the BASE grant was submitted to accommodate the repairs to Sycamore’s storm drain pipe. On behalf of the planning commission, she reported that the body shop that was relocated to a building in the downtown business district requires a special use. Mark Manville, IBTS, will be sending correspondence to the new owner of the building informing them of the regulations and how to pursue a special use permit. She aded that a lot of zoning regulations will be handled through the building permitting process.

That will avoid paying separate permit fees. The smaller items like fences and small accessory buildings will still be handled by administrative staff. The floodplain ordinance was submitted to KS Dept. of Agriculture who forwarded to FEMA by the deadline required to continue coverage in the National Flood Insurance Program. Parcel data for the City ArcGIS Online was requested through the state’s Open Records for Kansas Appraisers (ORKA) website.

County Appraiser Brooke Mantley had approved the request. Data on the City GIS will be as up-to-date as the state’s but should still not be used for legal purposes. Everything should be verified through appropriate departments. With the resignation of Kitty Peake (relocation to different community) advertising had begun for the Customer Service and Utility Billing Clerk position. Deputy Clerk Befort attended the CCMFOA Conference the previous week, with municipal software being a big topic. She was able to visit with several vendors. Another

application was sent in for CDBG Housing Grant, with 3-4 more available grants in the target area. She assisted with procuring a new weed eater attachment for cemetery mower. Airport upgrades were completed to the credit card system and a small leak repaired, so fuel was again available. She assisted Angie Ord and Daquri Gill who painted the pool mechanical building and soffits of the bathhouse.

Council Action/Deliberations:

Mayor Latta opened sealed bids for the contractual mowing of tall grass and weeds nuisance properties.

One bid was received from Shawn Hicks from C & R Mowing for \$70 for a home/lot and \$70 for a vacant lot.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by David Earls to enter into a contract with C & R Mowing for the 2025 mowing season for tall grass and weed abatements. Motion carried 6- 0.

Council considered a special request recommendation by HTTAC. An application submitted on behalf of the City of Harper to purchase an Easter Bunny costume for the community Easter Egg hunt, requesting \$398.00.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Ken Leu to approve the HTTAC’s recommendation to fund the special request submitted by the City of Harper in the amount of \$398 for an Easter Bunny costume. Motion carried 6- 0.

Council considered an ordinance amendment that would put fines for violating the environmental code, the health and welfare code and dogs at large on the fee schedule. Admin. Hartson informed the governing body that the ordinances had been submitted for review by the City Attorney, but he had not yet weighed in on whether he was approving as to form and legality. They could hold off adopting the ordinances, or could adopt them but staff would not publish until receiving his approval.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Ken Leu to adopt Ordinance No. G-440 an ordinance relating to the failure to comply and penalties for violation of Chapter 22 the Environmental Code and Chapter 28 Health and Welfare, amending sections

22-23, 22-162 and 28-25 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas. Yea – Barker, Earls, Green, Leu, Teel and Vogeles; Nay – 0; Motion carried 6- 0.

Motion by Ken Leu second by Rose Ann Green to adopt Ordinance No. G-441 an ordinance relating to dogs running at large, amending section 6-76 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas. Yea – Vogeles, Teel, Leu, Green, Earls, Barker; Nay – 0; Motion carried 6- 0.

Council considered a resolution amending the fee schedule relating to fines for dogs at large, environmental code violations and health nuisance violations.

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Rose Ann Green to adopt Resolution No. 905-25 a resolution amending the schedule of fees to be charged for certain services, permits and licenses provided by the City of Harper, Kansas; amending Resolution No. 903-25. Motion carried 6- 0.

Sgt. Walter was in attendance to present another Statement of Enforcing Officer for 216 W. 7th St. Although the council had approved condemnation and ordered it removed at previous meetings, even awarding a contract for demolition, the owner had sold the property. To ensure proper notifications, the dangerous structures process would need to be started all over.

Motion by Eric Barker second by Lonnie Teel to adopt Resolution No. 906-25 a resolution fixing a time and place and providing for notice of a hearing before the governing body of the City of Harper, Kansas, at which the owner, his or her agent, lienholders of record, occupants and other parties in interest of structures located within said city and described herein may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished as an unsafe or dangerous structure. Motion carried 6- 0.

Motion by Rose Ann Green second by Ken Leu to hire Angie Ord as the 2025 Swim Pool Manager at a rate of \$15.00/hr. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Lonnie Teel second by Ken Leu to hire Scotty McCartney as a public

works seasonal employee at a rate of \$14.00/hr. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Reports: Councilmember Green asked Sgt Walter about the health nuisance on west Main St. Items seemed to have been relocated into the back yard. There is currently a refrigerator in the back yard. Sgt Walter discussed those issues with the tenant two days prior.

Old Business: Prado Construction had completed the concrete work for the secondary storm sewer pipe at Sycamore Addition, the final product looked great.

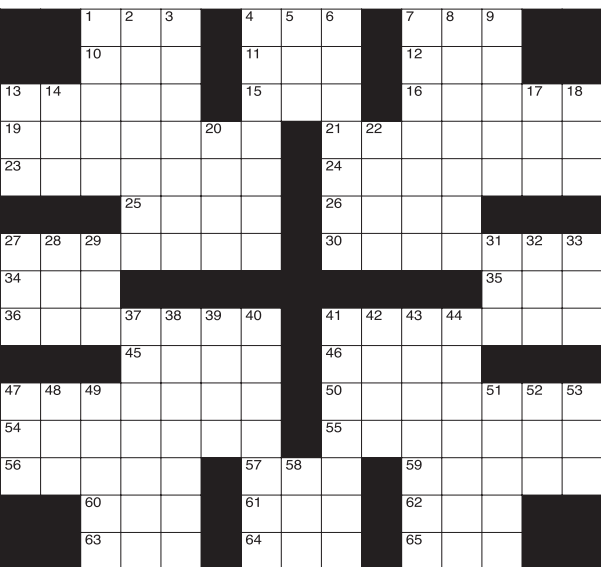
Sgt. Walter shared the cost to replace the digital radar signs at K2 and west HWY 160. The cost was \$7,000 with new solar panels, removing the solar panels from the quote saved \$900. Admin. Cooperrider reminded Council that Chief

Burns had previously noted that he did not have money in his budget for the replacements. Council continued the discussion exploring what data the radars collected, including traffic count. Councilmember Teel felt the data would be useful when applying for grants or seeking funding assistance related to highways and transportation. How data was collected was currently inconvenient having to go to each unit to download. Council asked staff to see what it would cost to upgrade the units to be able to download data through wi-fi since SCTelcom offers Smart Town. There was discussion related to the use of cameras on the signs to capture violators, with concerns being addressed at the school zone. It was the consensus to hold off until the funds were there and possibly budget for next year. Sgt Walter shared that he was researching FLOCK cameras, noting their usefulness in determining the location of local missing person the previous year in Barber County. He will report back when he gets more information.

New Business: Councilmember Earls requested the wages of seasonal employees be put on the next agenda for discussion. Motion by Brande Vogeles second by Rose Ann Green to adjourn. Motion carried 6 - 0.

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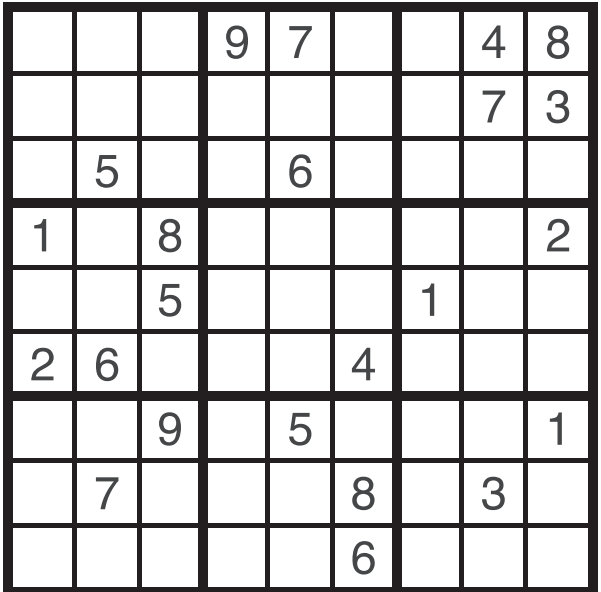


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English TV station
- 4. It fuels cars
- 7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
- 10. Indigenous people of Thailand
- 11. Midway between northeast and east
- 12. Small Milky Way constellation
- 13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
- 15. A Brit's grandmother
- 16. Colombian city
- 19. Visualize
- 21. Charged
- 23. People's assets
- 24. Informative books
- 25. Jeer
- 26. You can do it with your horn
- 27. Agents of your downfall
- 30. Central Uganda city
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Type of tree
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Dishwasher soap brand
- 45. Hall where military eats
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Speaks incessantly
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Extreme greed
- 55. Adopt or support
- 56. Fantasy writer Russell
- 57. Seize
- 59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
- 60. Noted pet detective Ventura
- 61. Automobile
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Color opposite green
- 64. Amount of time
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sheep sound
- 2. Some can be emotional
- 3. Inflammation of colon lining
- 4. Origins
- 5. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 6. Perceived by the senses
- 7. A place to play ball
- 8. Occur before
- 9. Animal body parts
- 13. Thanksgiving dessert
- 14. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
- 18. Promotional materials
- 20. One point east of northeast
- 22. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 27. Popular sports league
- 28. Cologne
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. Constrictor snake
- 32. Not good
- 33. Supplement with difficulty
- 37. Hug with fondness
- 38. Enforced again
- 39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
- 40. Substance
- 41. Anterior parts of the brain
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships load cargo
- 44. Holiday season singer
- 47. “__ humbug!”
- 48. Monetary unit of Macao
- 49. Popular children's book elephant
- 51. Glutinous
- 52. Function
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river



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