

City Council Minutes  
February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Also present were Mitch Brenner, Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. City Attorney Clay Kuhns was absent.

Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Lindy and Justin Cronister, Mike Gillen, Tina Redger, and Jamie Boese.

Cronister's presented photos and details regarding Building Permit #24002. The Planning Committee could not pass it due to section 2C of Ordinance 926. Council discussed the intent of the Ordinance, as well as the proposed building materials and appearance of the proposed fence. Motion by Brenner, second by DeLissa to approve Building Permit #24002. Motion carried with all in favor. Lucas abstained.

Boese reported the contracts on the two new homes are being reviewed by the Title Company and construction is ahead of schedule.

Council discussed the differences in Level Pay and Average Pay and consensus was to discontinue Level Pay and begin an Average Pay option upon review of the agreement by the Attorney Kuhns. Council also discussed and approved for Attorney Kuhns to draft an ordinance regarding how billing is to be handled upon the death of a customer. The contract terms for Payment Services Network were discussed by the council. Contracting with PSN would enable customers to view and pay their statements online and with mobile devices. Council approved the contract contingent upon review and approval by the Attorney Kuhns. Council discussed changing disconnects from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday to a specific day of the month, but no action was taken.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the January 22, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Kroth to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$268,349.93. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to approve Resolution 335. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes informed the council that KDOT planned to begin construction of a passing lane East of Meade or West of Plains in the first part of June. They were not sure which one they would begin with.

Cordes presented the annual water usage report to the Council. Council reviewed the 2024 projects list with Cordes. The need for additional transformers as well as the increase in cost and waiting times was discussed at length.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to give lots 9,10, and 11, Block 1 of the Bainter Addition with the terms of the contract prepared by Attorney Kuhns to Weston Kroth. Motion carried with all in favor. Brian Kroth abstained.

Council approved Shelly Cook as the pool manager for summer 2024.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to give the golf course the same amount of \$15,600.00 for golf course maintenance for 2024. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes presented a proposal from Farabee Mechanical for blower repairs on the 2880 Engine at the Power Plant. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to accept Option 1 to exchange the blower at a cost of \$37,774.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes opened bids for construction of a sidewalk at the airport. WK Construction \$2,200.00. Gary Knott \$2,952.00. Motion by Brenner, seconded by Holguin to accept the bid in the amount of \$2,200.00 from WK Construction. Motion carried with all in favor, Brian Kroth abstaining.

Weston Kroth and Bryce McClaren would like to organize a fly-in at the Meade Airport in the future. Council was in favor of it as long as there were no issues with the City liability insurance. Attorney Kuhns felt there would not be any issues, but Cordes will check with KCAMP.

Mayor Hegwood accepted the resignation of Doug Scribner from the Meade Public Library board and appointed Roger Musgrove as his replacement. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Luas to approve the appointment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented a list of the City property and taxes as requested by DeLissa.

Gleason presented a request for a donation from Crooked Creek Classic Committee. Motion by Holguin, seconded by Lucas to donate \$250.00 to the Crooked Creek Classic. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mike Gillen requested a donation to OK Kids day. Motion by Holguin, seconded by DeLissa to donate \$250.00 to OK Kids day. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council approved Gleason's request to attend the Spring Kansas Rural Water Association Conference the 27 and 28 of March in Wichita.

Council approved Cordes's request for Eric Welker and Mike Godfrey to attend the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference.

DeLissa asked about changing the canopy over the Police Department building since it will be leased soon. Cordes will inquire with the lease about sharing the cost. Gleason will contact Colby Canvas for pricing.

Council consented for DeLissa to attend the next hospital board meeting to advocate for the addition of a helipad to the hospital lot.

Cordes will contact Gary Knott regarding the concrete work that was to be done at the ballfield.

Motion by Holguin, seconded by Kroth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

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JD Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janet Gleason, City Clerk