

City Council Minutes
February 26, 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, City Clerk Janet Gleason and City Attorney Clay Kuhns.

Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Matthew Vanover, Rachel Burton, Doug Ritter, Thomas and DeAnn Miller and Tom Kuhns.

Council approved three utility extensions.

Gleason reported to the council that a payment of \$30,000.00 was received from KHRC and a check in that amount will be written to Meade County Vision.

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the February 12, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

Council discussed the time frame and budget for the proposed improvement project for the airport hangars. They also reviewed the bid sheet Cordes had prepared. Cordes will make the suggested changes and accept bids until March 11.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by DeLissa to appoint Mitch Brenner to the open position on the Meade County Economic Development Committee. Motion carried with all in favor, Brenner abstained.

Council approved the records destruction list presented by Gleason.

Doug Ritter joined the meeting to present his quarterly report. He and the Council agreed that all seems to be going well.

Council reviewed the January Treasurer's report.

Consensus of Council to grandfather current level-pay customers if they prefer it over Average Pay, and to give a one to three month extension to the Level Pay customers with large even up balances.

Consensus of Council for Attorney Kuhns to draw up a document allowing a percentage late fee on outstanding Accounts Receivables.

Attorney Kuhns reviewed the PSN contract and Gleason has contacted them with his concerns. Gleason contacted Liberal and they use a portal run by Paymentus. Gleason has contacted CIC and Paymentus regarding the possibility and costs of using Paymentus.

Gleason contacted Colby Canvas regarding options for changing the canopy over the Police Department building. Their suggestion was to cover the face with white or black metal sheeting -estimated cost would be around \$1000.00. To replace the canvass would be around \$3000.00 Council requested Gleason bring more information and pricing to the next meeting.

The following quotes were presented for four renewing \$500,000.00 CD's. Integrity Bank- did not quote. Meade State Bank- 6 month/12 month 5.16%: Bank of the Plains 6 month 5.0%, 12 month 4.75%. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth, to renew all four CDs with Meade State Bank for 12 months at 5.16%apy. Motion carried with all in favor.

DeLissa noted to the council the article in the Kansas Government Journal regarding the state's decision not to fund demand transfers and the amount of revenue loss to cities and counties this created. The League of Kansas Municipalities is making this issue one of their priorities this year.

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

JD Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, City Clerk