

City Council Minutes
March 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor JD Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Attorney Clay Kuhns and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbi Allison, Sarah Debnam, Mitch Brenner, Tom Kuhns, Michael Inlow and Janice Wiens.

Mayor Hegwood introduced Mitch Brenner to the council. Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to appoint Mitch Brenner to the open position left vacant by the resignation of Armando Gonzalez. Motion carried with all in favor. Brenner recited the Oath of Office and joined the Council meeting.

One utility extension was granted.

Cordes received an email Friday afternoon from Conrade Insurance that due to the pandemic they were unable to present a quote for insurance coverage.

Janice Wiens, MSB Financial Services, presented quotes from EMC for the renewal of the City insurance policies.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to accept the quote for city insurance coverage of \$144,145.00 from EMC. Motion carried with all in favor.

There was no public comment.

Debnam asked about better security for the truck parking lot. Cordes and Inlow discussed putting in a chain with a combination padlock.

Inlow presented information on a Red Light/Speed Camera system. Council stressed the purpose was to improve safety at the intersection not to increase revenue and requested more information on the possibility. Attorney Kuhns expressed the importance of getting more information and knowing all the contract terms before making any decisions.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to approve the CMB/Beer license for U Pump It. Holguin- yes, DeLissa-yes, Lucas-yes, Kroth-yes, Brenner-yes.

Minutes of the March 8 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to approve building permits # 21003 and #21005. Motion carried with all in favor. Permit #21004 was not approved by the Planning Committee.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to approve demolition permit 1-21. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve Ordinance #908. Motion carried with all in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 908

AN ORDINANCE VACATING TWO TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.

Cordes presented quotes from Gades Sales Co, Inc \$9,569.00 for traffic signal modifications and from L&S Electric, LLC \$53,240.00 and Phillips Southern Electric Co, Inc \$68,870.00 for traffic signal upgrades. Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to move forward on the stoplight repairs and accept the bid from Gades Sales for \$9,569.00 and L&S Electric for \$53,240.00. Motion carried with all in favor. Cordes will be getting information on the cost of removal and replacement of the concrete for the next meeting.

Cordes presented an update regarding the power plant. The city contracts with KMEA to purchase power and has a credit of \$55,844.77 because KMEA requested, we generate power and sold the power the city was generating during the cold weather. Total diesel purchased was \$32,000.00. There will be costs for repairs at the Power Plant. Mid States will be coming to test the poles. Two catalytic converters plugged and will have to go to Tulsa to be cleaned. Each has a value of \$40,000.00 and the shipper will only insure them for \$10,000.00 and it will cost over \$400.00 to ship them each way. Council agreed with Cordes it would be more cost effective for the City to take them and bring them back.

Cordes presented a proposal sheet for the next waterline replacement project.

Cordes informed council the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan will expire later this year. Attorney Kuhns will be presenting more information on this program at a future meeting.

Council approved city-wide cleanup beginning May 3.

Gleason presented Council with information for a legislative conference on March 29 in Liberal.

Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to approve Ordinance 909. Motion carried with all in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 909

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS PROHIBITING DISTRACTED DRIVING IN THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to enter executive session for attorney client privilege to meet back in this same room in 10 minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action taken from Executive Session.

Attorney Kuhns will contact the County Treasurer regarding the breakout of the taxes owed on the Bainter lots and specials. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to pay the balance of 2020 and 2019 property taxes on the Bainter lots and for Attorney Kuhns to attempt to collect the interest and penalty amounts. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk