

City Council Minutes
April 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Mitch Brenner, Roberto Holguin, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Tom Kuhns, Michele Ross, Michael Inlow and Stacie Cottrell.

There was no public comment.

Chief Inlow presented the monthly police report. Inlow also distributed a service agreement from Gatso USA, Inc for a proposed red light camera system for Council review. Inlow stated that Attorney Kuhns is reviewing the agreement. Inlow's request to attend continuing education in Wichita May 24-27 was approved. Officer Schmidt will return from KLTC training on June 11. Ordinance 909 related to distracted driving is in effect. Inlow left the meeting at 7:12p.m.

Michelle Ross presented revised estimated costs for the Chamber of Commerce proposal for downtown holiday lighting and/or banners. She has \$1000.00 in grant money and \$3500.00 in Chamber funds to contribute to the project. Council discussed the various options and requested Ross finalize the costs and ordering timelines for option 2 to present at the next council meeting.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve building permits #21006, #21007, #21008, and #21009. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$583,193.49. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Cordes reported to the council that \$1,783.79 in taxes is owed on the property located at 212 W. Belle Meade.

Cordes, assisted by EBH engineering, completed a Connecting Links grant in the amount of \$924,000.00 for repairs to North Highway 23 to Jefferson Street. The proposal is for a 3" mill and overlay and includes replacing the dips, adding handicap ramps, and replacing dips at Adams and Kansas. These are competitive grants to be funded in 2023 or 2024. At the present time there is not a timeline for KDOT to decide on the awards.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to approve Cordes to attend the KMU Conference in Wichita April 29 and 30. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes gave council the current utility rate schedule to review. A rate study could be done but would have to be conducted by an engineering firm. DeLissa created a spreadsheet in 2013 comparing rates and will create a similar document for council to review.

Gleason reported to the Council that Council position held by Brian Kroth, Lance DeLissa, and Mitch Brenner are open for the November election. They must register for re-election by June 1.

Mayor Hegwood asked about the splash pad. Cordes said Gary Knott hopes to start installation in 7 to 10 days.

Cordes reported the water tower has been cleaned and repairs were made to a screen. The inside will probably need to be painted in 3 to 4 years.

Holguin asked about pool repairs. Cordes stated the crack had been patched but the area will need caulk and sealant and there are some tiles to repair.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to enter executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to meet back in this same room in 15 minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to enter executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to meet back in this same room in 5 minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

Kroth, unable to attend tonight’s meeting, requested Cordes ask the council to consider his proposal that any department that is overbudget, the following year all purchases over \$500.00 would require council approval prior to purchasing. Council discussed this, felt it would be good practice, and requested Gleason bring sample policies from other cities for Council to review.

Motion by Lucas, seconded by Brenner to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk