

City Council Minutes
October 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, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, and Anthony Schmidt.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the September 27 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to approve Building Permit #21022. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to approve the Appropriations Ordinance of \$312,325.24. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes discussed the attorney revisions to the consolidation agreement. When it is returned, he will give it to council for review.

KDOT has denied highway entrances to the developer on West Carthage. Cordes has contacted Ron Hall, District 6 engineer, that the developer is closing three entrances and opening only one. Hall stated that he usually will not override the recommendation. KDOT is also requiring an overflow pond on the west side, as well as a traffic impact study. Brenner commented that would be the only one in the entire city. Cordes has contacted Boyd Orr and Ron Ryckman for assistance in getting KDOT to reconsider.

Paddock Pools will be testing the pool on October 14.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve the sidewalk application from Trevin Bachman for the property South of the mortuary. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council approved concrete work at the North end of the bus barn alley to improve drainage in the area.

Cordes reported that Hannebaum will not have chat available for sale this year, so he is looking for another source.

Cordes updated the Council with the progress of the water project.

Kansas Rural Water Association inspected the sewer lagoons and reported they look very good.

Consensus of council to give employees and planning commission a ham or turkey for Christmas.

Gleason asked council to consider an alternative to the current refundable utility deposits. Council discussed what other cities are doing and after much discussion consensus was to have Attorney Kuhns draw up a proposal for a non-refundable startup fee that is tiered for \$150.00 residential, \$300.00 commercial and \$500.00 industrial customers. The \$30.00 transfer fee would remain. If they have had penalties or disconnects the startup fee would be paid again.

Motion by Brenner, second by Lucas to appoint Trevin Bachman to the Recreation Commission as the City Representative. Motion carried with all in favor.

DeLissa reported that the airport courtesy car needed repairs. Cordes noted that the County does not want the Crown Victoria the Police Department is using and asked if it could be an option. Council will consider this after the consolidation agreement is finalized.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to enter into executive session for personnel matters on non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. The open meeting will resume in this same room. After executive session, no action was taken.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to enter into executive session for personnel matters on non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. The open meeting will resume in this same room. After executive session, no action was taken.

Motion by Brenner, Second by Kroth to approve the Court Clerk/Compliance Clerk job description.
Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Kroth, Second by DeLissa to pay off the Police Department Mobile Data units and the Tahoe. Motion carried with all in favor.

Consensus of Council to cancel any current Police Department subscriptions and disconnect all Verizon phones except for Anthony’s.

Council directed Cordes to determine values on the vehicles and items the County is interested in purchasing. Gleason will locate original invoices wherever possible.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk