

City Council Minutes
October 25, 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, George Lucas, and Brian Kroth. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Michael Gillen, Bobbie Allison, Anthony Schmidt, Randi Vanderpool, Jeff Mather, and Doug Ritter.

Mayor asked for public comment. Jeff Mather presented a letter of resignation from his position of Animal Control Officer effective November 15, 2021. Council expressed their appreciation for the work he has done.

Ritter asked if Council had reviewed the agreement. Cordes said Attorney Cordes had reviewed it and it was satisfactory. Cordes said that Attorney Cordes would like to execute a resolution along with the contract and would be willing to prepare that but had not done so yet. Brenner asked what the resolution was for and Cordes said “basically it states that we are going into an agreement with the county for the services.” Cordes was not sure it was needed and directed the question to Attorney Kuhns. Ritter asked if that were normal, and Attorney Kuhns stated it was “best practice” but unless the statute requires it it would not be required. DeLissa asked if the contract could be approved at this meeting and a resolution approved at the next meeting. Attorney Kuhns was not sure it was legally required but it would be best practice; but if council were going to approve the agreement, he was not sure there would be a point to the resolution. A resolution is basically a formal declaration. Attorney Kuhns said he has not had anything to do with it because he cannot. Brenner asked if Attorney Cordes said “I suggest” or if he was firm on the need for a resolution. Cordes said it was a suggestion. Attorney Kuhns said “if council approved the agreement tonight the resolution would be moot, I guess.” “Again, I am not providing legal advice because I can’t.” Kroth asked if Attorney Cordes had prepared it and Cordes did not think so. Brenner stated he was surprised this had not been suggested a long time ago. DeLissa asked if anyone found anything in the agreement they wanted changed. Brenner asked about the hold harmless agreement and Cordes stated it had been revised. DeLissa asked if disturbing the peace or sound complaints would be addressed. Those would fall under the ordinances, but Ritter stated that he will work with the city on those type of things if they arise. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve the Law Enforcement Services agreement between the City of Meade and Meade County. Motion carried with all in favor.

Ritter presented an initial list of items the County would like to purchase with a proposal for the county to pay 75% of the original purchase price on most items if they are in good condition. Guns and vehicles would be an exception due to the pricing methodology for those. Ritter would work with Dean, Janet, and Randi on keeping a list of items and pricing them. Attorney Kuhns suggested that it will take some time to finalize the items and that there should be a consensus of the council that 75% is a fair percentage. Consensus of Council that Ritter’s proposal was fair. Cordes said the county requested the city take the decals off the vehicles.

Mather requested permission to keep his badge, it would not be used but placed in a display box. Vanderpool asked if Borger could also retain his badge. Council agreed to allow them to retain their badges as long as they were not used.

Anthony will begin working for the county on November 3.

Minutes of the October 12 meeting were approved with one correction to the date.

Kevin Dewell submitted a request for a storage container prior to the meeting. Cordes will take it to the planning committee but felt they might need it prior to that meeting. Lucas stated that the county will no longer allow containers in the street. Council felt it would be ok to place it in the driveway. The permit will be numbered and taken to the next planning meeting for official approval.

The public hearing for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan will be held on Monday, November 8 at 7:00pm.

Council discussed service connection fees at length. Consensus of Council was for Attorney Kuhns to draft an ordinance for review with a fee of \$125.00 for residential, \$300.00 for Commercial and \$500.00 for industrial connection fees.

Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to approve Ordinance 910. Motion carried with all in favor.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 37th EDITION, 2021, AND AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.

Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to approve Ordinance 911. Motion carried with all in favor.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 48th EDITION, 2021, PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.

Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to approve Ordinance 912. Motion carried with all in favor.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS, AND REPEALING SECTION 3-2.9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.

The airport fueling station was vandalized and due to water damage is no longer working. QT Pod does not do installation and Dean was waiting on an updated quote with installation. Their quote in January 2020 was for \$14,295.00 and that included \$1,995.00 credit for the old machine.

Hoidale quoted \$15,946.71 including installation. It would be 4 to 8 weeks wait for installation. Dean has grant money of \$51,000.00 available that could be used for this. Council discussed getting a camera system and building a shade for the pump to keep the sun off it. Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to accept the bid from Hoidale for \$15,946.71 for an updated fueling station. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes stated the water project on North Highway 23 should be finished this week. The three blocks on Park Street will not be completed until Spring due to the change in weather.

Mayor Hegwood, Cordes, Boyd Orr, the developer and Ron Hall of KDOT met regarding the lot development on West Carthage. They will allow the entrance but intend to do a traffic study.

Cordes presented bids for concrete work in the alley by the bus barn. WK Construction \$4,900.00 and Knott Construction bid \$8,648.00. Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to accept the bid of \$4900.00 from WK Construction. Motion carried with all in favor, Kroth abstained.

Gleason presented a list of storage room items for disposal. Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to approve of disposing of the items. Cordes and Gleason can determine if any are worth trying to sell. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented the Health Insurance Renewal proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The increase for 2022 will be 4%. Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to approve the renewal contract for the 2022 plan year. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented information from Secure Benefits for a Health Reimbursement Agreement plan. The current plan is administered by TASC. Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to contract with Secure Benefits for the administration of the Health Reimbursement Plan for 2022. The annual plan reimbursement limit will be \$900/individuals and \$1800 for plans with more than one member.

Gleason reported the city will receive an additional \$687.29 in American Recovery Plan funds.

Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to enter into executive session for 10 minutes for consultation for attorney-client communications to meet back in this same room. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

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

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

Brenner asked about the tree on State Street and Cordes stated it is the owner’s responsibility to clean up.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk