

City Council Minutes
January 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Armando Gonzalez, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Tom Kuhns, Leon Reimer, and Mike Schlochtermeyer.

There was no public comment.

Mike Schlochtermeyer explained to council that the COOP is exploring the possibility of an expansion project to build additional storage and requested the council un-annex the area of the proposed building from the city. They are not requesting additional services and would still purchase power from the city. Council will review the information presented, request the city attorney to review it, and discuss the matter further at the next council meeting.

Motion by Lucas, seconded by Kroth to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$324,556.60.

Minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to approve Building Permit #21001. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to approve Building Permit #21002. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes told council weather had delayed the airport runway project but things should be finished in a few weeks. The tower for the beacon will be completed in February. He is going to continue to apply for grants to upgrade the AWOS system.

Ideatek is continuing work to bring high speed internet to the city. The city has given Ideatek a list of items that need to be addressed with the installation.

Cordes has received another complaint regarding dust from the truck stop parking lot. The city zoning ordinance indicates that business parking is to be dust free.

George Martin retired as Fire Chief. Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to appoint Jeff Lathan as new City Fire Chief. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by Gonzalez, second by Holguin to present George with a \$200 gift card in recognition of his service to the city. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes requested council input on the 2021 projects list. Kroth asked Cordes to look at the curbing around the grade school and add any needed repairs to the project list. Gonzalez requested the city signage that is worn to be replaced/updated. Kroth asked if the no braking signs had been posted-Cordes will check on this. The city cannot post a sign outside of the city limits.

Cordes asked the council for recommendations for getting sand for mixing asphalt. Kroth suggested getting pricing delivered and comparing it to the cost of the city going to get it. Cordes will also explore the cost of repairing the screener.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve the Hay Rice contract for the 2020 Audit. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason informed council the employer rate for KPERS is increasing in 2021 from 8.61% to 8.87%.

DeLissa asked about the lift station. Cordes is getting more information on options and costs.

Gonzalez asked about the area on Highway 23 that needs repair. Cordes is working with Godfrey to make a list of areas that need repair and the best options for those repairs.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Gonzalez to enter executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to meet back in this same room in 30 minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk