

Council Special Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Present were J.D. Hegwood, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, Lance DeLissa, and George Lucas. Armando Gonzalez and Clerk, Janet Gleason were absent. Also present was City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Attorney Clay Kuhns. Visitor were Michael Inlow and Bobbi Allison

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to enter into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to meet back in this same room. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session there was a motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to accept the resignation of Ashley Clerk as a Police Officer for the City of Meade. Motion carried 4-0.

Council briefly discussed moving Anthony Schmidt to the Police Department full time and if that would put Dean in a bind at the Power Plant. Cordes stated he had discussed this with Chief Inlow and Inlow agreed that if Schmidt were needed at the Power Plant, he would be available. Cordes stated he hated to lose Anthony but feels an employee has the right to apply for a different position. DeLissa asked how much the engines ran last year and Cordes stated about 100 hours and those hours were primarily to exercise the engines. DeLissa felt Anthony, as well as all powerplant employees, need to be there when the engines were running so that all are trained for emergencies. He asked if Cordes would need to hire to replace Anthony. Cordes stated that Ohnick and Mather are currently at the power plant so he would not need to hire immediately, but if a qualified candidate became available, he would want to hire and begin training them. Cordes told council that when he was asked to accept the position of City Administrator, the city did not replace him as Supervisor of the Power Plant. Mather was moved into the Assistant Supervisor position and so the plant is short an employee.

Inlow requested Anthony be paid his power plant wages of \$17.15/ hour. Hegwood asked if the raise should wait until Schmidt completes officer training. Inlow said Schmidt had already been with the city for 2 years and has done officer work, it just gives him more authority. Then Inlow stated that he would be with the department two years in May. Kroth said he should not be making a 2-year wage until he worked for 2 years. Then Inlow said the 15-month rate for officer salary is \$17.79 which is .60 more than he is making now at the power plant.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Lucas to hire Anthony as a full-time police officer at the rate of \$17.79. Motion carried 4-0.

Kuhns explained to council there is a statutory process for de-annexing land. Kuhns has contacted the Attorney General as well as the League regarding this process and what options the City has. Dean has also contacted KMEA. Basically, the questions are "can the City un-annex and if they do, can they continue to provide services". Kuhns will review the original annexation ordinance from 1999.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk