

City Council Minutes  
March 8, 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, Mike Gillen, Bob Lauppe and Mike Schlochtermeyer.

Mayor Hegwood opened the public hearing regarding vacating the COOP property. There was no public comment. Hegwood asked if consensus of the council was to move forward and vote at the next meeting after Attorney Kuhns reviews the specifics with the council. Council was in consensus. Schlochtermeyer told council that the COOP board appreciated the willingness of the city to work with them.

There was no public comment.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$288,595.32. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

Council discussed with Bob Lauppe a building permit for a fence submitted that does not meet the city code. Cordes explained there is a process of appeal if a permit is not approved by the planning commission, but the first step is for the permit to go to the Planning Commission at their next meeting on Monday, March 22.

Cordes discussed possible options for paying for the stoplight repairs. He expects the cost to be around \$90,000.00. The bid will not have a push button, only the crosswalk sign. Council will need to consider how to fund the repairs since they were not budgeted. One option would be to use money from the electric improvement fund and replace the money over a period of three years through a monthly meter charge of \$3.00 to residents. Other options would be a mill levy increase or an increase in sales tax. Council will consider the options and discuss the matter further when the bids for the repairs are presented.

Cordes presented the water well report for 2020.

Cordes informed the council the state has released the medical lien of approximately \$65,000.00 on the property located at 212 West Belle Mead. The city condemned this property in 2018. Legally it could now be demolished, or it could go to a tax sale. DeLissa said 3<sup>rd</sup> option would be to make an offer to whomever owned it to speed up the process of waiting for a tax sale. Dean will check on the amount of back taxes owed.

Cordes informed the council that it was time to begin preparing the pool for summer. There is a 30'x4' area at the end of the pool in need of repair. Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to pay WK Construction \$1,850.00 to repair it. Motion carried 4-0, Kroth abstained.

Council granted a request by Cordes to list the rubber tire roller, old air compressor and old mower on Purple Wave. The rubber tire roller is only used once/year when sealing streets.

Cordes asked council if the city could purchase a used trailer that was listed at \$1,650.00. Council approved.

Gleason presented bids for two renewing CDs each in the amount of \$500,000.00. Fowler State Bank 6 month .30%, 12 month .35%. Plains State Bank 12 month @ .57%. Meade State Bank 12 month @ .35%. Motion by DeLissa, second by Gonzalez to renew both CDs with Plains State Bank at a rate of .57% APY for 12 months.

Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to accept \$500.00 in payment from RFB Construction for past due bulk water purchases,

Gleason presented information about OK Kids Day and a request for a donation. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to give \$100 to OK Kids Day. Motion carried with all in favor.

Councilmember Gonzalez submitted his resignation effective March 8, 2021. Mayor Hegwood stated his regrets and that he would be missed. Motion by Lucas, second by DeLissa, to accept Armando Gonzalez's resignation from City Council. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

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J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

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Janet Gleason, Clerk