

City Council Minutes

December 13, 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, City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Michael Gillen, and Darin Neufeld of EBH Engineering.

Darin Neufeld, EBH Engineering, thanked the council for the opportunity to assist in the airport AWOS project as well as future projects. He is hopeful there will be a way to make the information available to the public through mobile apps. Cordes has the contract and will get it to Attorney Kuhns for review. Cordes informed council that Airport Development Group is going out of business. The total estimated cost of the project will be approximately \$180,000.00 and the grant would be 90-10. Neufeld recommended the Council identify the top 1-to-5-year future projects and be ready to move forward quickly if grant dollars become available. Apron repair, spa repair, runway crack seal, and hangar rehabilitation are all possible projects. There must also be at least \$1.5 million in projects on the 20-year list and there must be 9 home-based planes. Neufeld suggested a parallel taxiway project. Kroth asked if the runway could be made longer. Neufeld said if the city paid for it, they could but if they want the Federal Government to share in the cost it would have to meet government standards. Hangar and fueling are considered revenue generating and federal funds cannot be used for those.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of November 22, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve Building Permits #21029, #21030 and #21031. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$450,224.35. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes discussed with Council the contract in the amount of \$25,000.00 for pool repair and design services from Paddock Pools. Cordes suggested saving for a new pool and making repairs until ready to build. Brenner asked what the current cost of maintaining the pool would be. Kroth was not in favor of paying so much in design fees for repairs. Council asked about grants. Cordes had talked with Carrothers, who build the pool at Montezuma, and they have worked with one grant funded project and it made the building process more difficult because it limited the features available. Council wants to know what Carrothers suggested regarding repairs. Brenner asked if the Recreation Commission, and DeLissa wondered if the Hospital might be able to assist if a new pool were built. They felt it would be good to talk to other interested entities who might have a vested interest in a new pool. Council felt if it were possible to extend the life of the current pool it would provide time to plan.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to offer Carson Godfrey the position as a powerplant operator/mechanic at a beginning wage of \$14.95. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes is reviewing sample ordinances related to solar and wind generating devices. DeLissa feels the city should also begin considering how to address electrical charging stations.

Cordes has been approached about the lots on the Bainter Addition. Gleason informed council of the annual cost of the special assessments. Cordes will ask Attorney Kuhns draw up a sample lot contract with specifications for the use of the lots and guidelines for structures for Council review.

Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to grant all full-time employees a 5% cost of living increase. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to grant Gilbert Freeman a 5% raise. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason distributed the November Treasurer's report and November Police budget report.

Items the Sheriff's department has taken from the Police Department are being recorded on a spreadsheet and Cordes, Ritter and Gleason are working on the pricing of the items. Cordes, Attorney Kuhns, Gleason and Vanderpool walked through the Police Department and there is still a lot to be done to clear out the building. Vanderpool is waiting on IT to finish setting up the police server and storage for scanning documents.

Motion by Brenner, second by DeLissa to pass Ordinance 913 with revisions regarding shut off and add 1000 KW usage. Motion carried with all in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 913

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS, REMOVING UTILITY DEPOSITS AND ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE UTILITY FEE FOR CONNECTION OF UTILITY SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to pass Resolution 315 declaring the city limits of the city of Meade.
Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 315

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH K.S.A. § 12-517.

Attorney Kuhns explained the litigation related to HB2079. Motion by Brenner, second by DeLissa to approve Resolution #316. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 316

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT TO RELEASE AND ASSIGN THE CITY’S OPIOID CLAIMS TO THE KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CERTIFYING COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION MITIGATION IN EXCESS OF \$500.

Brenner asked if the county tax sale has been scheduled and Attorney Kuhns said it is moving forward.

DeLissa asked about the Revitalization Program. There was an issue with the appraiser’s software, but things are moving forward. Applications are available but applicants cannot start construction without applying first.

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

JD Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, Clerk