

City Council Minutes
February 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Mitch Brenner was absent. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Jamie Boese and Randi Vanderpool.

There was no public comment.

Two utility extension have been granted for February.

Jamie Boese reported to the council that two housing applications were completed, submitted by the deadline and are ready for committee review. If either would decline, applications would again be accepted. The committee will ZOOM with KHRC for a pre-construction meeting on Friday.

Boese has submitted a SPARK Investment Opportunity proposal for broadband internet connection to the airport and additional water line replacement projects. She is also completing a BASE grant application for infrastructure waterline improvements that must be submitted later tonight.

Vanderpool asked council what information they wanted regarding the Police Department. She stated she was waiting for the attorney to finish going through the records and for IT to add another hard drive to save scanned documents. Attorney Kuhns stated that it should not take much longer to go through and determine what needs to be stored. IT will be here this week to finish with the computers and they will be moved into storage at City Hall. DeLissa asked about time frame for getting the building empty and clean. Attorney Kuhns will work on going through records on Friday afternoon so they have a better idea of the time frame. He will also be reviewing the evidence and preparing the orders to destroy for the Judge to sign. Cordes will make some inquiries regarding fair market value for office rental.

Minutes of the January 24, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Lucas to hire Joseph Ramsey as Animal Control Officer with a probationary period of three months at a rate of \$250.00 per month. Motion carried. This is a contracted position.

Council approved for Eric Welker and Mike Godfrey to attend the Kansas Rural Water Conference March 29-31 in Wichita.

Cordes had only one bid returned for work on the pool. Three other contractors were contacted, and none wanted to bid on this project. WK Construction bid \$21,550.00 for labor only to remove loose paint, replaster, prime, paint, and re-grout tile. The city will provide all supplies. Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to accept the bid of \$21,550.00 from WK Construction. Motion carried with all in favor. Kroth abstained.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to temporarily raise the limit on the City Credit card to \$10,000.00 through March and April due to the increase in materials and supplies. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council approved the revisions in the Bainter lots contract and will review them as they are received.

EBH Engineering contacted Cordes and requested Council consider future airport projects. There will be more 90/10 grant funding through 2025.

Council reviewed the January Treasurer's report.

Gleason presented the following rates for renewing CD's: Fowler State Bank 6 month @ .25% APY, 12 month @ .30 APY. Meade State Bank 6 month @ .45% APY, 12 months @ .62%

APY. Plains State Bank 12 month @ .30% APY. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to renew the two CDs at Meade State Bank at .62%APY and move the renewing CDs at Plains State Bank to Meade State Bank for the same rate.

Gleason presented council with a quote of \$1,200.00 from Colby Canvas to put an aluminum overlay on the police department awning. Council discussed the options and cost, and consensus was to wait, possibly until the building is rented.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to approve the internal controls and the procurement policies. Motion carried with all in favor.

Consensus of Council to refund J. Zortman pro-rated hangar rent for hangar 13.

Attorney Kuhns addressed council regarding the rate of pay for court-appointed attorneys. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to match the court appointed attorney rate the county pays. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council discussed radar signs. DeLissa commented that the last radar sign purchased had software connected that would print reports and asked if Vanderpool or Cordes had access to those reports. Vanderpool stated that “the last she knew it was on Michael’s laptop and she didn’t know if he had given Dean information on that or not.” Cordes stated that he found out later that Michael’s was using his personal laptop at the Police Department. Vanderpool said “she thought Cordes had access because she knew they had talked about it a lot and she thought he had given Cordes access to the software.” Vanderpool will check to see if there was a file on it and Cordes will do the same. DeLissa then stated that the city has a policy that employees are not to use their personal computers for City purposes or have city information on their personal computers. DeLissa asked Council to consider the purchase of another radar sign. Cordes stated it was on the project list to purchase another one. Cordes is going to get information on options.

Attorney Kuhns reported that the tax sale is moving forward.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk