

City Council Minutes
April 25, 2022

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

Sheriff Ritter distributed the list of equipment and the value of the items that were transferred from the Police Department to the Sheriff's Department. Council discussed the totals and invoicing. The Sheriff Department will invoice 30 days in advance of payment due date once the credit has been applied and there is a balance.

There was no public comment.

Nine utility extension have been granted for April.

Attorney Kuhns reviewed and edited the Real Estate Purchase Agreement. Consensus of Council was to accept the changes and they approved the Agreement.

Minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to approve Building Permit #22007. Motion carried with all in favor. Building Permit #22005 was tabled and Permit #22006 was denied by the Planning Commission.

Cordes informed the Council that the generator has been returned, installed, and tested. The total cost of repairs will be \$311,000.00 plus the delivery and placement charges of \$11,500.00. Cordes said the 1970 engine was installed in 1962 and will need replaced someday so Council may want to begin considering options. Some cities are installing CAT engines. A new generator would be approximately 2.25 million dollars. The city has not purchased an engine since 1971. DeLissa felt it would be important to know if the trends are for more energy or less.

The airport fueling station is installed and working. Consensus of the Council to raise the credit card limit to \$250.00. Council approved the sales price on gas of \$5.48/gallon.

Cordes will be meeting with the Farm Service Agency regarding the land in the CRP program and report at the next meeting.

Cordes requested Council approval to remove five trees at the City Park that are aged and becoming a liability risk. Consensus of council to remove the trees.

Cordes reported to the Council that the city can plant trees in the amount of the \$3000.00 in lieu of paying the fine for failure to test and report on the three engines at the power plant that were equipped with catalytic convertors. The city must submit this data to KDHE every year. Cordes would like to consult a nursery regarding purchasing some larger trees for planting.

WK Construction is almost finished with the work at the pool.

Gleason distributed the Treasurer Report.

Gleason presented quotes for a CD#22844 renewing at Meade State Bank. Integrity Bank 6 months @ .25%APY, 12 months @ .30 APY. Meade State Bank 6 or 12 months at .72% APY. Plains State Bank declined. Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to renew CD#22844 in the amount of \$600,000.00 for 6 months at Meade State Bank at a rate of .72%APY. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason reviewed with the council a list of property from the Police Department that is no longer needed.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve Resolution 319.

RESOLUTION NO. 319

**A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a(a)
REGARDING GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AS THEY RELATE
TO THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS**

Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve Ordinance 916.

ORDINANCE NO. 916

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS ASSESSING THE COSTS TO
COLLECT DEBTS OF THE CITY TO DEBTORS.**

Motion carried with all in favor. The application for utilities will be updated to include this information.

DeLissa asked Kuhns to report on the Revitalization Program and tax sale. They are waiting on signatures to finalize the revitalization program. The tax sale is moving forward, and publication will be soon.

Items at the Police Department will be moved this week and the offices will be cleaned as the items are moved out.

DeLissa asked if the city gas bills had gone up due to the additional URI charges from Black Hills. Cordes stated the URI charges were over \$400.00.

Attorney reviewed the Interconnection Standards with the council. He will have the Ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

Attorney Kuhns encouraged Council and community members to email sparktaskforce@ks.gov and request them to add addition funding to the BASE grant program. KHRC is hosting an informational meeting in Minneola on Thursday, April 28 at 2:00p.m. regarding the housing grant program. He feels it would be beneficial to create a County Housing Authority and focus on rehabilitation of existing homes.

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

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, Clerk