

City Council Minutes
May 24, 2021

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

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the May 10, 2021, meeting were approved as written.

Cordes informed the council that effective June 1 QT Pod will no longer service the current system. There are issues currently with getting the updates. Council was given estimates for a new system at the last council meeting. Cordes will contact TJ Milford and try to access the data again prior to June 1.

Kroth asked if Frank Penner had been contacted regarding adding an additional block to the water project. Cordes had contacted him, and he agreed. The project will begin June 7.

DeLissa asked if the pool was ready. Cordes said it is being filled today and there is some clean-up work to do but it will be ready to open on Monday. The rotor for the power plant has been taken to Kansas City but Siemens thought it may not be returned until July or August. Work on the cooling tower is finished.

Kroth asked for an update on the wells. Well #1 is back in service and pumping well.

Consensus of council was to leave commercial/industrial and ag related bulk water rates at the current rate.

Council approved John Borth's request to pour a concrete pad and build a covered awning.

Cordes presented a list of concrete projects for council review. Council approved the list, and he will bring bids to the next meeting.

Cordes reported that the fire hydrant at the intersection of Highways 23 and 54 was damaged. The city will bill the trucking company for the damages, but Cordes would like to move the hydrant further back to the edge of the right of way. DeLissa suggested the repairs be done at the same time as the stoplight project. Cordes has contacted Fire Chief Lathan.

There were some issues with the lift station because of a t-shirt being flushed. The station is working and there was not a spill, but Cordes said the control boards for the lift stations are obsolete and will need to be replaced. Council requested Cordes get information regarding replacement costs.

Rod Hay will come to a July meeting to review the audit and discuss the 2022 budget.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to approve Resolution 311. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION 311

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS
AND GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

Gleason presented overtime reports to the council and reminded the council of the filing deadline of noon, June 1. DeLissa, Kroth and Brenner positions are open.

Attorney Kuhns said there will be a meeting regarding the American Rescue Plan at the courthouse on July 1 at 1:30pm.

Kuhns will bring information to council regarding the neighborhood revitalization plan next month.

Attorney Kuhns and the council members discussed the stop light camera system. No action was taken regarding a contract, but council did direct Cordes to contact the Department of Transportation regarding the posting of signs. Cordes asked Attorney Kuhns to make a recommendation for the wording on the signs. Attorney Kuhns agreed and will email Cordes with his recommendation.

Kuhns informed the council there would be a special meeting of the County Commissioners on July 1 to discuss American Recovery Act funding.

DeLissa asked if there has been any progress toward a tax sale. Kuhns will ask the County Commissioners.

Brenner asked about the grass at the park. Cordes said they will be planting new grass this week. Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk