

City Council Minutes
July 11, 2022

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, and George Lucas. Also, present was City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Brian Kroth and Attorney Clay Kuhns were not present. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Rod Hay, and Jamie Boese.

Rod Hay, Hay Rice and Associates of Liberal, informed the council that the audit was finished and went well with no budget violations or audit adjustments. Rod then presented the 2023 budget proposal to the City Council. Valuations are up so the mills will be less for 2023. Revenue Neutral Rate for the city is 77.976 and the proposed budget rate is 78.660. If the Revenue Neutral Rate is exceeded the city must notify the County Clerk and hold a public hearing. The County Clerk will mail a notice to all taxpayers. The County will bill the city their portion of the mailing costs. Consensus of Council was to accept the preliminary budget of 78.66 mills and to have a hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The public hearing will be held on August 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council meeting room.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the June 27, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Lucas, seconded by DeLissa to approve Building Permit #22014. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to approve Building Permit #22010. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Brenner to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$643,284.71. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes informed council that the cost of purchasing power has increased.

The radar signs have come in, but the solar sign still needs assembled and placed.

At the request of Home Lumber, Cordes requested bids for demolition of the property owned by Ralph Classen at the corner of Highway 54 and Meade Center. Midwest Wrecking bid was \$27,840.00 with a deduction of \$2700.00 if there is no charge for the landfill fees. Pete Woods submitted a bid of \$22,500.00

DeLissa asked if Cordes had gotten bids for demolition of the buildings across the street from the property at Meade Center and Highway 54. Pete Woods submitted a bid to tear down all three buildings at a cost of \$18,500.00. Midwest Wrecking submitted a bid of \$25,910.00 with a deduction of \$2000.00 if there were no landfill charges. Midwest Wrecking would add \$4,260.00 if the East building were left intact due to the additional labor costs.

Cordes received a signed petition to condemn the property located at 421 N. Fowler Street. Cordes will inspect the building and report back to the Council.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Holguin to approve Ordinance 918. Motion carried with all in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 918

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING A UTILITY BUDGET PAY PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL UTILITY SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Brenner to approve the annual transfers. Motion carried with all in favor.

\$50,000 from General (22) to Special Equipment (32)

\$25,000 from General (22) to City Improvement Fund (36)

\$35,000 from Water (48) to Electric (50)

\$20,000 from Electric (50) to General (22)

\$5000 from General (22) to Fire Truck Equipment Reserve (33)

\$40,000 from Electric (50) to Electric Improvement (58) for stoplight repairs

Gleason presented a check in the amount of \$373.29 from the State of Kansas opioid litigation and requested approval to open a checking account because these funds cannot be comingled with other city funds. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Brenner to open a checking account for any monies received from State of Kansas opioid litigation.

Council discussed at length multiple and varied complaints received regarding fireworks. No action was taken.

Motion by Holguin, seconded by Lucas to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, Clerk