

City Council Minutes  
July 25, 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, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Casie McAtee, Trevin Bachman, Emily Boyd, Victoria, and Joel Watson.

Council approved two extension requests.

Emily Boyd informed the council that the mural project for the Meade County Historical Museum is fully funded and the painting would begin on August 1.

McAtee and Bachman requested the council review a water bill the Recreation Commission received for usage dating back to 2018 and requested a compromise. Gleason gave council copies of the account billings, log entries and statement from the Utility Clerk. She explained that the radio reads download into the office software. In the case of the recreation commission, it appeared that a Move Out order was completed by a prior employee and the city was not notified when the water had been turned back on. Since a Move In service order was not requested, new employees did not know there had been a Move Out on the premise and that water was being used. The premise was off in the software, so the radio read was not transmitting the usage for billing. When the premise was activated the first read would indicate any usage from the prior read and generate a bill based on the usage. When the office has a request for a utility to be turned off and/or on, a work order is completed. A city employee checks the meter and brings the reading to the office. Holguin noted that the ballfield water lines are flushed every fall and the water turned off and turned on again in the spring, but he was not aware that the city was not being notified. Council asked why the Recreation Commission did not question why they were not receiving a water bill. Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to split the difference of \$3,716.03 with the city, the meter is to remain on in the city software and a city employee is to be present when the water is turned on or off. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason reported to council that KERA program had been contacted regarding the customers with past due accounts that had applied for assistance.

Minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa second by Kroth to approve building permits 22015 and 22016. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes reported the property located at 602 E. Kansas has not been cleaned up.

Cordes also reminded the Council of the public hearing on August 8 for the property located at 140 E. Carthage.

Council discussed the radar signs and requested Cordes move them periodically. DeLissa stated he is not impressed with the new sign. Cordes is going to move it down on the pole for better visibility.

DeLissa complimented Cordes on how nice the park looks with all the new painting.

Gleason presented the June Treasurer report and the 2021 Audit report.

Brenner asked if the office was open over lunch. Gleason said it was not but there is a drop box outside for payments. Hegwood mentioned that many offices close over the lunch period. Gleason noted there are three people in the office and if Council wanted the office open lunches could be staggered. She will visit with the staff and report to council at the next meeting.

Consensus of Council to approve the Budget Pay Application with the change to the catch-up clause.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Lucas to approve Ordinance 919 and 920 with corrections to 919. Motion carried with all in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 919**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 49<sup>th</sup> EDITION, 2022, PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 920**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 38<sup>th</sup> EDITION, 2022, AND AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.**

Attorney Kuhns informed the Council that any funds received for the Fight Opioid Addiction account had to be spent to deter opioid addiction.

Cordes inspected the property at 421 N. Fowler and although work is needed, he did not feel it needed demolished. The property is for sale.

Motion by Kroth seconded by DeLissa to enter into executive session for consultation with the attorney for attorney-client privilege for five minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

Motion by DeLissa seconded by Lucas to enter into executive session for five minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

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

ATTEST:

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J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

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Janet Gleason, Clerk