

City Council Minutes
June 14, 2021

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 Brian Kroth by telephone. George Lucas was absent due to illness. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Tom Kuhns, Michael Gillen, Brad Ackerman, Dylan Wondra and Tim Milford.

Tim Milford, representative of IdeaTek reported to Council that Ideatek is training installers and continuing the conversion to fiber in Meade. Cordes explained the vendor ordinance regarding door-to-door sales and Gleason will email the vendor applications forms to Ideatek.

Brad Ackerman reported that Lance Kane and Leighton DeLissa attended the fireworks training with him and all three are now certified. He also requested a donation, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, from the Council for the annual fireworks display. Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to donate \$1,500.00 toward the purchase of fireworks for the city fireworks display. Motion carried with all in favor.

Ackerman asked Cordes if the city had sprayed for mosquitoes. Cordes stated the city has sprayed 5 times and has treated standing water.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Brenner to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$308,314.13. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to approve Building Permit #21011. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes opened bids for concrete projects. WK Construction \$40,530.00. Gary Knott—no bid. Dude Simpson—no bid. JKL Construction emailed Cordes that they were not going to submit a bid. Motion by Brenner, second by Holguin to accept the bid from WK Construction in the amount of \$40,530.00. Motion carried with all in favor, Kroth abstained.

Council reviewed Library budget history 2018-2022 proposed budget provided by Gleason.

Cordes attended the County Commissioner meeting and said there will be a joint meeting with the City Council on Monday, June 21 at 7:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Cordes reported to Council that Siemens has taken the rotor and the stator of the 1280 generator to Kansas City. Estimate to repair both was \$271,000.00. The generator repairs, shipping and setting once returned will be close to \$300,000.00. Cordes contact Farabee Mechanical regarding a used generator. A used one would have to go to Siemens to be prepared and might not fit existing bolts. Council discussed this and determined it would be best to repair what we have. Brenner asked if the funds were available and Cordes stated they were. Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to move forward on the generator repairs and to the stator repairs. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes presented a proposal from KMEA to offer certified journeyman services. KMEA is setting up a pool program in which members would pay \$15,000.00. This would remain in the account until services were requested. Any payments would then be repaid to keep the balance at \$15,000.00 in the fund. Dean will get more information regarding the rates and a copy of the contract for Attorney Kuhns to review.

Cordes informed Council that the city pool is losing 7,000 gallons of water/day. Gillen thinks it is the skimmers but cannot locate the leak. Kroth suggested calling Frank Penner. Cordes will contact Penner.

Cordes will contact Terry Cox regarding a claim for car repairs

Mayor Hegwood inquired about lifeguard wages and asked if the city reimburses lifeguards for certification. Cordes checked the area and Cimarron pays \$8/hr. with an increase of .25 every year. Fowler pays \$7.25/hr., Montezuma pays \$10.00/hr. and Medicine Lodge pays \$7.25/hr. Meade starts at \$8.50. Cordes will bring more information to council at the next meeting.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve a Fireworks license for The Cracker Box and give them 30 days after July 4 to clean their windows. Motion carried with all in favor.

A CD in the amount of \$250,000.00 renews on June 19. Council directed Gleason to close this CD and deposit the money into the checking account due to the pending repairs to the generator and water project costs.

Council reviewed the report on the annual special assessments on Lots 1-17 and 19 of the Bainter Addition. DeLissa asked council to consider how they want to handle these properties.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to enter executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the individual to meet back in this same room in 15 minutes and to include Dylan Wondra, Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

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Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to formally accept Dylan Wonda's resignation, paying out his vacation and comp time with an effective date of July 17. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to terminate the Chief of Police, effective immediately. Motion carried with all in favor.

Attorney Kuhns reminded everyone there is an open meeting at the courthouse on July 1, 2021 at 1:30pm to discuss the funds the county will receive as part of the American Rescue Plan.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk