

City Council Minutes
September 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by President Lance DeLissa in the absence of J.D. Hegwood. Present were Mitch Brenner, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Attorney Clay Kuhns was not present. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Audrey Flowers, Marshela Adolfson, Doug Ritter and Joel Watson.

Twenty utility extension have been granted for September.

Doug Ritter reported to the Council that the Sheriff's Department is now fully staffed. Council and Ritter agreed that the transition has gone well.

Flowers and Adolfson, representing the Friends of the Library, asked Council if the Library would be able to sell the metal shipping container that is outside the library and build a small storage shed. It would be used for a permanent location for the Friends of the Library book sales as well as provide storage for the library. It would have posted hours and be staffed with volunteers. Consensus of council was that it was a good idea, and they should move forward on the project.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

There were no building permits.

Cordes presented an energy cost report summary to the council. The fuel adjustment has been fixed at 1.5 cents/kw since September 2017. Prior to July 2015 it was adjusted monthly and in June of 2013 reached a high of 4.6 cents/kw. Residential electric rates have not increased since 2001. According to sources at KMEA the cost of natural gas has increased, and cost of electricity will not go back to what it has been in the past. Cordes and Council discussed other pending expenses as well as the potential cost of replacing an engine at the power plant in the future could be as much as \$2.25 million.

Work on the power plant roof has been finished.

Cordes will put together a bid sheet of concrete projects for council to review for the next meeting.

Lucas was called out of the meeting at 7:50p.m.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to renew CD #22898 in the amount of \$400,000.00 for twelve months at a rate of 1.65%apy with Meade State Bank. Integrity Bank and Plains State Bank declined making proposals.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to enter into executive session for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real property for five minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session no action was taken.

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

Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to adjourn at 8:25pm. Motion carried with all in favor.

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, Clerk