

City Council Minutes
October 24, 2022

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

One utility extension request was granted by the council. Nine other requests were approved by the City Clerk and there are four accounts pending KERA assistance.

There was no public comment.

Boese informed the council that an open house for the new homes was held on Sunday, October 23. One of the buyers has backed out due to changes in their plan to relocate to Kansas, so the home located at 210 Lemmon Circle is now for sale and the city will need to purchase insurance coverage until it is sold. The 1,429 square foot home will have \$5000.00 in down payment assistance and \$57,500.00 in gap financing available to a qualified buyer.

Minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved as written.

Cordes received bids from Midwest Transformer and from Sunbelt Solomon for substation regulators. Midwest Transformer was the lower bid. Midwest Transformer would replace each 167 KVA @ \$10,125.00 or repair the current ones @ \$6,215.00 and for a new 333 KVA in the amount of \$13,375.00 or repair in the amount of \$6,855.00. Repairs are only estimates on parts and do include replacement controls. Lead time for repairs was 14-16 weeks. Cordes will check on the lead time for new purchases.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to purchase one 167 KVA and one 333 KVA assuming the lead time is acceptable. Motion carried with all in favor.

DeLissa asked about transportations fees for repairs. Cordes thought it would be at least \$1000.00. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to purchase an additional 167 KVA. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes discussed the Girl Scout Hut with the Council. It is currently not being used and he asked if the Council would be interested in making it available for public use. The kitchen is rough, but the rest of the area is in good condition. It is heated but not air conditioned. Consensus of council was to make it available for public use with a \$100.00 deposit.

Council approved the sale of the 1980 dump truck on Purple Wave.

Cordes emailed Ron Hall and has also called and left a message regarding the turn areas at the stoplight intersection.

Cordes presented Council with a list of possible concrete projects. Council requested line-item bids and will determine priorities at the next meeting.

Gleason presented information on renewing CD#23531. Integrity Bank declined. Meade State Bank 6 months @ 1.60%, 12 mo. @ 2.0%. Plains State Bank 6 mo. @ 1.50%, 12 mo. @ \$2.25%. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to move renewing CD #23531 in the amount of \$600,000.00 from Meade State Bank to Plains State Bank for 12 months at a rate of 2.25%. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes and Gleason met with the Blue Cross Blue Shield representative and the premium increase on the current grandfathered plan is going to be 25.27%. Gleason gave council a spreadsheet of the optional plans with dental premium added and cost comparisons. Gleason had contacted KMIT for a quote, but the group cannot exceed the risk pool by more than 10% and the city exceeded their risk pool by 26.9%. The maximum amount the City can change the elements of the grandfathered plan is 4% and that can only occur once in the lifetime of the plan. Health insurance premiums paid by the employer are on employee W-2 forms, but it is currently a non-taxable benefit to the employee. The employee benefits fund was not budgeted for such a large increase but there will be some carryover from this year to help absorb the increase.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to enter into executive session for discussion of acquisition of real property for 5 minutes to meet back in this same room. 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.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk