

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

Brian Kroth gave a short housing update. There was discussion on the purchaser of 210 Lemmon Circle moving in before the closing date. Council agreed it would not be the best option. Purchaser may try to move up the closing date.

Brian and Jamie were able to talk with the housing grant providers on ways to be more competitive on future grants.

There were no public comments.

Minutes of the November 28, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

There were no building permits.

Council reviewed the appropriations ordinance. Kroth moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$ 298,037.03, Brenner 2nd and the motion carried 5-0.

Under old business, Kroth said the place he was going to possibility get the city a forklift only had diesel engine forklifts at an affordable price. Because he was concerned of the cost of maintenance on a diesel and it not being the best fit for our application, he called Cordes, and both agreed that waiting to find a propane or gas forklift was the best approach. Council agreed.

Under new business, Cordes brought up the substation maintenance proposal from KMEA Mid-States. This proposal would create an inventory of equipment, create maintenance schedules for each piece of equipment in each of the city's three substations. It also would include other beneficial procedures to minimize equipment failure in the substations. Estimated cost would be \$ 8,500.00. DeLissa motioned to approve the costs and proceed with the proposal, Holguin 2nd and motion carried 5-0.

Cordes brought up the golf course agreement that was in the council packet. The golf course would like the city to consider taking over maintenance of the course. After discussion, the council decided to have Hegwood, Cordes, and possibility Mickey Thomas talk with the recreation commission about their help in supporting the golf course. A meeting with the golf course board and possibly the recreation commission board will be planned after the first of the year.

Council discussed the condition of the property located at 401 West Carthage Street. The property is in disrepair and the council would like to move forward with the process to condemn. Cordes will have a petition at the next meeting.

DeLissa made a motion to not have a December 26th council meeting, Kroth 2nd and motion carried 5-0.

Cordes presented the contract from Hay, Rice & Associates to provide the audit services to the city for physical year 2022. The cost of the audit would not be over \$ 12,875. Kroth made a motion to approve the contract, Lucas 2nd motion carried 5-0.

Cordes said KMEA had contacted him about being on their strategic plan committee. It will be a two-day meeting in Salina sometime in July 2023. Council agreed to allow Cordes to attend.

Cost of living raises for the employees was discussed. After discussion Kroth made motion to approve a 5 % raise to full time employees, Brenner 2nd motion carried 5-0.

DeLissa suggested putting security cameras by the area around Well # 6. Also, checking into placing a trash dumpster in the area. Cordes will check into cameras and the cost of a dumpster.

Holguin asked if the city could paint the safety zone areas at the intersection of US 54 & K 23. Cordes will have them painted when the temperature allows.

Kroth made a motion to enter into executive session for personal matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with the Governing Body and Cordes present. Lucas 2nd motion carried 5-0. Executive session began at 7:55pm. After executive session, no action was taken.

Kroth made a motion to inter into executive session for personal matters of non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Governing Body and Cordes present. Lucas 2nd motion carried 5-0. Executive session began at 8:05pm. After executive session, no action was taken.

DeLissa made a motion to enter into executive session for land acquisition for 5 minutes with the Governing Body and Cordes present. Brenner 2nd motion carried 5-0. Executive session began at 8:11pm. After executive session, no action was taken.

Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dean Cordes