

City Council Minutes  
January 23, 2023

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, and George Lucas. Brian Kroth was absent. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason and Attorney Clay Kuhns. Visitors were Bobbie Allison, NanC Burns, Marla Garner, Mike Godfrey, and Victoria Wright.

There was no public comment.

Ten utility extension have been granted for January.

Darin Neufeld of EBH Engineering presented information regarding the status of the airport. The AWOS system is fully installed and operational. Council prioritized the 2023 projects: 1: Fencing the south end 2: Replace older T hangar 3: Seal portions of the runway. All grants are 90/10 cost share.

Cordes mentioned that the parking area cracks need to be included when the apron area is repaired as well as the area by the T-Hangars.

Neufeld asked Cordes to check on the Papi lights to be sure they are working properly, and he is following up on getting the flight check completed.

Burns requested that the walk-through and inspection of the property located at 401 W. Carthage be scheduled for Friday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m. Cordes agreed to schedule it for that day and time.

Minutes of the January 9, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa seconded by Brenner to approve building permits # 23004, 23005 and #23006. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes presented the following bids to the council:

DeLissa Ford - \$ 42,000.00, less any rebates, if any.  
2023 F-150, 2x4 Supercab, 145 inch wheel base, 5.0 V-8, Running Boards, Trailer Hitch  
Foss Ford - \$ 37,850.00.  
2023 F-150, 2x4 Supercab, 145 inch wheel base, 5.0 V-8, Trailer Hitch  
Lopp Motors – \$ 40,000.00, plus or minus, depending on rebates.  
2023 Dodge 1500, 4x2 Quadcab, 140 inch wheel base, 5.7 V-8, Trailer Hitch.  
Lewis Chevrolet - \$ 37,957.00  
2023 Silverado 1500, 4x2 Doublecab, 147 inch wheel base, 5.3 V-8, Trailer Hitch.

Council discussed the advantage of purchasing Ford because it can be serviced locally. DeLissa commented that Ford has discontinued the fleet program. He suggested they confirm the bid with Foss Ford because there is no way to know a rebate amount when the order is six months out.

After much discussion and confirmation that all models would fit the need, there was a preference for something that can be serviced locally. Council directed Cordes to contact Foss Ford to confirm the bid price and estimated delivery date. Motion by Brenner to approve the bid from Foss Ford in the amount of \$37,850.00 as long as that is the total amount to be paid and it is delivered in a reasonable amount of time. Seconded by Lucas. Motion carried all in favor, DeLissa abstaining but in agreement. If that is not the agreement Cordes will bring it back to the council.

Cordes presented a possible water project lease proposal for council review. Attorney Kuhns discussed the proposal with the council. Consensus of council was to present the proposal to the banks in Meade County and bring feedback to the council.

Council approved 2022 vacation carryover to 2023 due to the half-day of paid leave given to the employees the afternoon of December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Council discussed the use of the Girl Scout House. Cordes will bring a policy to the next meeting.

Consensus of Council was to list the old forklift for sale with Purple Wave.

Gleason presented the Treasurers report to the council.

Motion by Brenner, second by Lucas to donate \$200.00 in chamber bucks to Meade High School After Prom. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by Brenner, second by Lucas to donate \$100.00 to the Crooked Creek Classic. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented quotes for renewing CD #23332 in the amount of \$100,000.00. Integrity Bank offered 6 mo. @ .25% APY and 12 mo. @ .30% APY. Meade State Bank offered 6 mo. @ 2.875%APY and 12 mo. @ 2.875% APY. Plains State Bank offered 6 mo. @ 2.00% APY and 12 mo. @ 3.00% APY. Motion by Brenner, seconded by Holguin to renew CD #23332 in the amount of \$100,000.00 for six months at a rate of 2.875% APY with Meade State Bank.

Dodge City Veterinary Clinic will hold a clinic in Meade on Saturday February 25. Consensus of council was to continue to pay for the advertising.

Consensus of Council to allow Gleason to work out a payment arrangement with several residents who had applied for the KERA program and did not receive funds. The past due amounts can be pro-rated and paid along with the current bills. If a payment is missed the past due portion will be sent to collection. Any penalties on the balances owed while waiting on KERA payments will be adjusted off.

Mayor Hegwood presented an inquiry from Tod Davis regarding if the city would be willing to provide an area for parking at the laundromat. Council discussed it at length and consensus was that the city would only consider developing and maintaining parking areas on city owned properties.

Council discussed possible uses of the grant money received for the animal shelter and reiterated that the city has a shelter and animals should not be brought into the city office rather than sent to the pound.

Attorney Kuhns noted that the first tax sale is completed, and they have begun preparing for the next one.

Motion by Lucas, second by Brenner to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

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Mayor

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Clerk