

City Council Minutes
February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Mitch Brenner, Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Attorney Kuhns was absent. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Jamie Boese, Mike Gillen, Weston Kroth, Trevin Bachman, Casie McAtee, Jennifer Vanderpool, Rebecca Merkle, Tony Krier, Roger Davis, Scott Vanderpool, Mickey Thomas, Brent Merkle, and Susie Wiebe.

Council was asked to review the proposal regarding an agreement between the Meade Golf Association and the City of Meade. The proposed agreement was modeled after one currently being used in Plains. Thomas appealed to the city for assistance because the course requires more time and resources than the current association members and volunteers can provide. DeLissa asked for a list of tasks and the frequency that they need to be done. Thomas stated they had hired a consultant who would monitor the course and make recommendations for the work and maintenance to be done as well as a schedule. Most of the work would be done from late April through the end of October. Thomas stated the course needs to be mowed/maintained weekdays between 8 and 5 Monday-Friday because the course is used after 5pm and on the weekends. The time constraints have made it difficult to hire anyone. Thomas felt it would require about 1040 hours/season. It was suggested both the school district and recreation commission contribute. The school currently purchases a membership for the golf team @ \$2,500/year. The recreation commission wants to discuss the proposed contribution of \$10,000,00/year when they have enough members present for a quorum—the next meeting is scheduled for March 8. Thomas noted that the Recreation Commission has provided support in the past but for budgeting purposes for both parties would like a defined amount. No action was taken on the matter. Cordes will contact the City of Plains regarding how the agreement is working there and council will discuss the issue after the Recreation Commission has had the opportunity to meet and decide the level of support they are willing to contribute.

Susie Wiebe approached the council for support for a Fire Department fundraiser Softball Tournament in June. It will be held at the baseball field at the fairgrounds so will be outside the city limits. She will send more information to Holguin regarding the event.

Boese updated the council on the progress of the MIH grant proposal. Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve **Resolution 328**. Motion carried with all in favor.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING GRANTS THROUGH THE KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCE CORPORATION.

Weston Kroth explained to the Council that he would like to apply for a Senior Living Grant to build two duplexes in the Bainter Addition. These would be for tenants 65 years old or older or on disability. Council approved his proposal and encouraged him to apply.

Minutes of the January 23 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Lucas to approve building permits #23007. Motion carried with all in favor. Building permit #23008 was tabled by the Planning Committee.

Motion by Kroth seconded by Lucas to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$162,321.31. Motion carried with all in favor.

Brian Kroth informed the Council that the Meade County Vision has 501C3 status.

Cordes reviewed the 2022 projects list with the council.

Cordes informed Council that he and NanC Burns were unavailable to meet for the inspection and he will reschedule it.

Council reviewed and discussed the water line lease proposals from Meade State Bank and Plains State Bank. Integrity Bank declined. Council also discussed the potential cost of future water projects as well as the need to change several valves at the water tower. Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to move forward with lease proposal Option 1 from Plains State Bank. Motion carried with all in favor.

Consensus of Council to hire Shelly Cook as pool manager for 2023 and to allow Dean to make the decisions regarding the opening date and hiring for the pool employees for the summer of 2023.

Council discussed the proposed airport projects. Consensus of Council was that the proposed 8 ft fence would create an issue with tumbleweeds and to do something simpler and less expensive. EBH Engineering will be submitting a Connecting Links grant for work on North Highway 23.

Consensus of council for Dean to get quotes for the City Insurance coverage for the 2023 renewal.

Council discussed a citizen request for reimbursement of plumbing costs related to a sewer line. Consensus of council to deny the request.
Gleason distributed the January Treasurer report, police report and revenue report.

Consensus of council to accept the revised utility extension agreement.

Council approved for Gleason and Boese to attend the Spring CCMFOA conference in Manhattan and for Gleason to attend the KRWA spring conference in Wichita.

Consensus of Council to send 33 past due accounts in the amount of \$7,176.25 to collection.

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

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to grant a raise from \$22.51/hr. to \$23.19/hr. to Dennis Foster. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk