

City Council Minutes
April 24, 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, City Clerk Janet Gleason and City Attorney Clay Kuhns.

Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Jamie Boese, Mike Gillen, Frank Penner, and George Nickel.

Cordes shared with the council that he had requested bids from six companies and received only a bid from Pennick Enterprises. There was no response from three companies, Underground Specialist responded that they were too busy, and Vogts Parga of Newton was only willing to bid if the deadlines were extended. Pennick Enterprises bid for the main project of 23 blocks of waterline replacement was \$1,218,985.00 and the additional project was \$313,615.00. A note was enclosed with the bid that they would not be able to guarantee an October 31, 2024, completion date due to the continued product and labor shortages.

Penner noted that there are projects all over the state and other states are coming into Kansas for product. The cost of a new fire hydrant has gone up \$850.00 in the past year.

Cordes noted that it was approved to borrow \$1,000,000.00 for the project. The water improvement fund currently has \$135,000.00 but will add another \$150,000.00 to the fund in transfers from the water fund over the year. This would cover the cost of the main project. Currently there is \$600,000.00 in the water fund, which is not enough for the additional project, but Cordes noted that there will be additional money added to the water fund throughout the year.

DeLissa noted that we would also be making payments on the \$1,000,000.00 loan. DeLissa asked about the second project and Cordes noted it was to improve the water flow to the nursing home.

DeLissa asked about the water tower valve replacements. Cordes has consulted Penner and they are going to order the parts and do it ourselves. A company would have to come and do one "hot" and he does not have a cost on that yet. Cordes said the valve will be around \$20,000.00.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to accept the bid from Pennick Enterprises in the amount of \$1,218,985.00 and noted that the city would be willing to extend the deadline if needed due to material and/or labor shortages. Motion carried with all in favor.

The housing committee has not met yet so there was not an update. Council did discuss the possible location of the three duplexes that WK Construction plans to build with grant funding.

Gleason stated that 7 extension requests had been granted.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the April 10 meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to approve Building Permits #23008, 23013, and 23014. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes informed the council that the property located at 401 W Carthage had sold and the new owner intends to fix it up and open it as a motel. Cordes gave the new owner the list of necessary improvements that had been given to Burns and consensus of council was to proceed with the scheduled public hearing for the property on May 22.

Cordes reported that the cost of providing water to the Golf Course is approximately \$.20/ 1000 gallons in electricity and that does not include labor or materials. Currently the Golf Course, as well as the Recreation Commission, is paying a \$10 meter fee and \$2.00//1000 gallons. Cordes will discuss proposed usage with Mickey Thomas and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Dean informed the Council that he had received notice of an aeronautical study conducted by the FAA and a letter noting that the proposed wind tower development in Meade, Seward and Gray Counties will have some towers located 4.48 nautical miles North/Northeast of the Meade Airport and will have 660 feet clearance. Anyone with concerns should notify the FAA.

Cordes had an inquiry from Lin Reimer regarding the property located North of the lumberyard and if the City would assist in the demolition if it were purchased by Home Lumber. After discussion, the consensus of council was that due to the nature of the structure and safety concerns, as well as the wear and tear on city equipment, that Reimer should explore the cost of hiring a company to do the demolition.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to pass Resolution 332. Motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 332

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) REGARDING GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AS THEY RELATE TO THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS

Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to approve the on-premises Beer License #2023-5 for Tips and Toes. Holguin-yes, DeLissa-yes, Lucas-yes, Kroth-yes, Brenner-yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to approve the on-premises Beer License for Tips and Toes/Back Porch Yoga #2023-6. Holguin-yes, DeLissa-yes, Lucas-yes, Kroth-yes, Brenner-yes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Consensus of council to accept the janitor job description.

Gleason distributed the annual swimming pool financial report to the council.

Gleason has informed the County Clerk that there are 3 positions open for the upcoming November election: Roberto Holguin, George Lucas, and JD Hegwood. Candidates must register with the County Clerk by June 1, 2023, if they intend to run for the position for another term.

Consensus of council that the city does not desire to charge an occupancy tax to the local liquor stores.

Council requested Cordes send code enforcement letters regarding non-operative vehicles and yard clean up.

Hegwood will be gone for the May 22 meeting.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to enter Executive Session for consultation with the attorney for the public body which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for five minutes to enter back into this same room. Motion carried with all in favor.

After Executive Session, no action was taken.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:
