

## City of Meade Council Minutes

May 8, 2023

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, Mitch Brenner, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and Assistant City Clerk Jamie Boese. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Craig Stratton & Kim Stevens.

Mayor Hegwood called on Craig Stratton who had requested to address the Council regarding the FAA Aeronautical Study. He stated that he had concerns about the height and placement of the windmills, both as a pilot and a fire rescue volunteer. He stated that the windmills could cause complications in instrumental approaches and departures, especially for the Air Evac that flies into Meade Airport for life-saving emergencies. He would hate to see the city and its citizens lose this important service due to the wind turbines being too close and too tall. He requests that the Council object to this proposal. Tom Kuhns asked when this comment needed to be submitted, Craig said it had to be submitted by May 17, 2023.

Mayor Hegwood moved the meeting on and asked if there were any questions on the minutes from the last meeting. No questions, and minutes approved as written.

Dean presented the Appropriations Ordinance for \$329,175.09 Brian moved to approve the Bills, Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup> and Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie gave a housing update. She let the council know that the Housing Committee has had its first meeting since being awarded the 2023 MIH Grant. They decided on a floor plan, and have been working on pricing, budgets, and bid sheets. She also let the council know that the financing would be going through Meade Vision since they hold a 501 C 3 status. This would be with board approval at their meeting Thursday. Jamie mentioned that the bid process will start soon, and Dean will get that out to local contractors as well as the paper and possibly the website. Lance asked about the possibility of bidding on one or both houses. Brian thought that it would be more affordable to construct both houses together but sees no problem in letting contractors either bid on one or both houses.

Moving on to old business Dean presented an updated quote for the demolition of the Classen building on Carthage, he stated he has had several people complain and express concerns about the broken windows and loose materials. The bid has increased to \$28,430 for the 3 buildings but if we only do two that would increase by \$4,500 due to the increased amount of handwork that will need to be done. Also, he got a quote of \$29,770 for the demo of the building next to the home lumber. The council would like to know what options they have since the building has been condemned already.

Under new business Dean mentions the airport grant and says that he got a call about the grant receipts, they are wanting us to either use the funds or give them back, he states that we have around \$9,000 that needs to be spent he mentioned extending concrete flooring in some of the hanger floors. Mitch suggested looking into getting a chip reader for the pumps. Dean will investigate costs and present a suggestion at the next meeting. He also mentioned that the Rec Dept. wants to put a sunshade up at the pool. They would need to install 3 fixed poles. The council agreed to let the Rec do this.

Also under new business, Dean let the council know that the 2880 Engine air controller is obsolete. He is unable to get parts. He will look into other options and bring something back to the next meeting.

Both Roberto and Lance asked about the vacant Police Department building and if we had anyone interested. Dean let them know he has had a few people ask about it and look at it. However, one of those is not able to make it work due to the distance to the main office. There is still some interest from another party. Brian discussed an accident that happened in a different town with an open excavation hole. He wants the city to be diligent in safety when it comes to open holes. He also mentioned that he has seen an open hole by a business in town and would like Dean to address the potential problems with the owner.

Beto made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

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Jamie Boese, Assistant City Clerk