

City Council Minutes
May 22, 2023

The Public Hearing regarding the property located at 401 W. Carthage was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Lance DeLissa in the absence of Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Present were Mitch Brenner, 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, Tom Kuhns and Jamie Boese.

Since the property located at 401 W. Carthage has sold and under the advisement of Attorney Kuhns and consensus of the Council, Cordes will begin the process again. He will inspect the exterior and interior of the property and report back to the Council. Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

President DeLissa called the regular May 22, 2023, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the above listed members and visitors present.

Council approved seven utility extensions.

Boese reported that we should receive the grant contract from Kansas Housing Resources Corporation soon. Bids from contractors are due by June 2.

On behalf of the Economic Development Office Boese would like to schedule a City leadership meeting for representatives of the three cities in Meade County to meet and share ideas and issues of their communities.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the May 8, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to approve building permits # 23015 and #23016. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes reported that Darrin Neufeld, EBH Engineering, did send a letter of concern to the FAA regarding the proposed construction of Wind Towers near the Meade Municipal Airport. DeLissa would like to have some follow up on the project. Dean will contact Neufeld and report back to the council.

Cordes informed council that the solar powered radar sign was not working and has been returned to the company for repairs.

Cordes and Gillen met with Frank Penner, and they will begin on the water line project after the Memorial Day holiday. The project will begin by the grade school and move toward the nursing home. Penner will also be assisting the city in determining the materials needed for the valve replacement at the water tower.

Cordes informed council the pool is filled and will open on Friday, May 26. Council reviewed the pool hours and fees. Adult swim was not listed but will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Motion by Lucas, seconded by Brenner to increase the private pool party fees by \$25.00. The charge for parties less than 100 will be \$75.00 and over 100 will be \$100.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

The process to condemn the property located at 602 E. Kansas has been completed. Council requested Cordes inspect the interior and exterior of the property and determine if it is structurally stable.

Cordes is attempting to price repairs needed on the 2880 engine he has sent photos to three companies because no company wants to come out to look at it. He is also waiting on Chubb to respond to the insurance claim on the 1280 generator.

Council approved Cordes request for vacation from May 25-June 4.

Council requested Attorney Kuhns advise them regarding the possibility of putting a portion of the water project borrowed funds into a short term CD.

Consensus of Council to accept Doug Scribner for the open position on the Library Board.

Gleason presented the Treasurers and Police reports to the council.

Gleason distributed a letter to the Council that was received through the city website from the Kansas State Director for GoRail, a freight rail advocacy group requesting them to contact Representative Mann and oppose H.R.3372. The US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Representative Mann will be voting on H.R. 3372 on Tuesday. This would create a 10-year pilot program for trucks weighing 91,000 pounds. The current weight limit on Interstate Highways is 80,000 pounds.

Gleason presented quotes for renewing CD #23576 in the amount of \$300,000.00. Integrity Bank declined. Meade State Bank offered 6 mo. @ 4.41%APY and 12 mo. @ 4.26% APY. Plains State Bank offered 6 mo. and 12 mo. @ 4.25% APY. Motion by Brenner, seconded by Holguin to renew CD #23576 in the amount of \$300,000.00 for six months at a rate of 4.41% APY with Meade State Bank. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason reminded the council the last day to file for election is June 1.

Brenner asked about the status of the lines that need to be painted on the street at the stoplight. Cordes reported that the summer help will be doing it as soon as weather permits.

Lucas was approached by a citizen with a request to place benches in the downtown area along Highway 54. Council discussed the idea of having sponsors who could purchase a bench and use it for advertising. Cordes will bring options and pricing to the next meeting.

Brenner made a motion to enter into executive session for personal matters of non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with the Governing Body, Attorney, Cordes and Gleason present. Seconded by Holguin. Motion carried 4-0. After executive session, no action was taken.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to hire Jateice Vieux for the janitor position. She is to be paid hourly at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:
