

City Council Minutes
June 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by City Council President Lance DeLissa in the absence of Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Also present were Mitch Brenner, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason and City Attorney Clay Kuhns. Council member Holguin was absent.

Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, and Sheriff Doug Ritter.

Council approved four utility extensions.

Sheriff Ritter was present for the quarterly report. He noted the exceptional work the city crew did in taking care of the tree from his yard that fell and damaged the meters. Ritter requested the city explore the purchase of a battery back up system for the stoplight. When there are power outages the Sheriff's officers must direct traffic and he is concerned for their safety at such a busy intersection- particularly at night. Cordes has contacted Gaddy Sales for quotes and will bring more information to the next meeting but estimates the cost will be around \$8000.00.

Cordes reported to the council that the charges for the damages resulting from the semi hitting a light pole in the 400 block of East Carthage were in excess of \$7000.00 and the invoice has been given to Attorney Kuhns for collection.

Minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

There were no building permits.

Cordes informed the council that Foss Motors notified him that the pickup the city ordered in January is not available with a V-8 engine. Cordes has talked with the employees, and they felt they would not need the larger engine. Consensus of council was to cancel the order and get bids again for one with a 6 cylinder engine.

Cordes noted that there was a lot of tree damage and there were three power outages in the windstorm two weeks ago. Due to an outage with Southern Pioneer. Power Plant engines were used, and everything was running well. The city is taking fallen branches to the area by the water tower until they can be taken to the landfill.

Council discussed the notification from Mike Bucher that according to KDHE the landfill is not certified to take grass clippings. Until there is a solution, the city has taken away the grass trailer for community use. Council discussed some possible options and Cordes will meet with the County Commission and report back to the Council. DeLissa encouraged council members and citizens to contact their legislators as well as KDHE. Inquiries from citizens are being directed to the County Commissioners and/or Mike Bucher.

Consensus of Council to have free swimming at the pool on July 4.

Cordes presented the bids for the 2880 Engine Air Controller. Farabee Mechanical-\$29,969.00 and Morse Defense -\$77,456.29. Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to accept the bid from Farabee Mechanical in the amount of \$29,969.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented the Treasurers and Police reports to the council.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to approve the 2023 transfers of \$25,000 from General (22) to Special Equipment (32); \$50,000 from General (22) to City Improvement Fund (36); \$35,000 from Water (48) to Electric (50); \$20,000 from Electric (50) to General (22); \$5000 from General (22) to Fire Truck Equipment Reserve (33); \$40,000 from Electric (50) to Electric Improvement (58) for stoplight repairs. Motion carried with all in favor.

Consensus of Council to approve the 2023 Appointments.

DeLissa reported to the council regarding the meeting with the Thresher Wind Project director. They said they had filed with the FAA two years ago and stated that the actual location and height of the towers has not been determined. Currently there is no time frame for the construction. They said it could actually impact as little as 100 feet and that they are not aware of any turbulence issues with the towers. DeLissa also contacted Senator Roger Marshall and Representative Terry Mann regarding the FAA comment that any interruption of life flights was of no consequence. Mann's office did respond and commented they will

follow up on the comment. Regarding the legislation related to the blinking red lights, the company must contract with a radar company and the lights must come on when a plane is detected within a set distance of the towers.

Attorney Kuhns is continuing to work toward the next tax sale.

Consensus of Council to contact the county to discuss possible solutions to the drainage issues at the bridge near the EMB church.

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

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, City Clerk