

City Council Minutes
August 14, 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, and Mike Godfrey.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the July 24, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Building Permit #23018 was denied by the Planning Committee. After discussion, the Council denied the permit.

Motion by Brenner seconded by Kroth to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$1,655,639.31. Motion carried with all in favor.

Boese reported that the Housing Committee had met and the pre-construction meeting with KHRC will be on August 29. The Meade County Vision will be a 501C3 established under the County Economic Development for housing projects in Meade County. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas to enable the Meade County Vision Group to apply for a construction loan on behalf of the City of Meade in an amount of up to \$500,000.00 and move forward on the construction of the two homes. Motion carried with all in favor.

Deadline for applications is August 15 as of today she has received three applications. The housing committee will review the scoring rubric that was used and discussed adding credit scoring to the process. Council was in favor. Names on the application will be redacted prior to scoring. DeLissa recommended accepting late applications and keeping them on file in case a buyer backs out or does not qualify for the Grant.

Council reviewed and approved the Chicken Permit form. A summary of the requirements will be attached to the permit form. Cordes will send letters to residents in violation of the current ordinance.

Kroth informed the council that an area farmer offered to take the city grass clippings at no charge. Consensus of council to use the city trailer and haul the grass to the property.

Cordes updated the council on the progress of the water project and reported that the street sealing is complete. The 5/8" chat seemed to be working well.

The planning committee reviewed the proposed fencing ordinance. Cordes discussed the changes with the Council and will make the recommended edits and bring it back for council review.

Motion by Kroth, second by Holguin to grant Carson Godfrey a pay increase from \$14.95 to \$15.70/hour.

Cordes asked if the council's offer of \$1000.00 to purchase the property located at 140 E. Carthage was still good. Consensus of council that it was.

Council approved the draft copies of the construction contract and real estate contract. Consensus of council to approve the Girl Scout Hut contract after Attorney Kuhns reviews it.

Council reviewed the monthly Treasurer Report and approved of changes in the format.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Kroth to approve the amended budget hearing on August 28. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Kroth for the City to purchase a White Booster Club membership at a cost of \$150.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Holguin, seconded by DeLissa, to donate \$100.00 to the Ag Safety Day sponsored by Meade County Conservation District.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to approve Ordinance 922 and 923. Motion carried with all in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 922

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 50th EDITION, 2023, PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 923

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES,” 39 th EDITION, 2023, AND AMENDING ARTICLE 1, OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.

Council approved Gleason to attend a KMIT Workers Compensation meeting in Jetmore on September 20.

Council will present 5 year service recognition to Dennis Foster and Janet Gleason. Gleason has met the the IIMC/CCMFOA requirements and is now a Kansas Certified Municipal Clerk.

Council discussed the Animal Control position with Cordes. It has been posted on social media and in the Meade County News.

Brenner commented that there are people still adding to the limb piles and that residents are still putting branches in the streets for city crews. Cordes will post on social media that the brush piles are closed and limbs need to be taken to the landfill. He felt it could take up to a year for the city crews to haul what is in the piles to the landfill since they can only do so between other projects.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Lucas, to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel for 10 minutes to resume back in the City Council room. Motion carried with all in favor. After Executive Session, no action was taken.

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

JD Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, City Clerk