

City Council Minutes
August 28, 2023

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

Visitors were Bobbie Allsion, Kimberly Stevens, Elaine Post, Brandon Gould, Craig Stratton, Jonna Evans, Colton Rath, and Tom Kuhns.

The Mayor called to order the 2023 budget amendment hearing. No public comment. Motion by Brenner, second by Lucas to approve the 2023 Budget Amendment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Hegwood opened the 2024 Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Stevens commented that everyone's expenses are going up and that taxing entities should try to lower, rather than increase taxes. She commented if the city appoints members to organizations that spend tax dollars but are made up of unelected members, it is the city's responsibility to oversee their actions and represent the taxpayers. During the hearing Cordes and DeLissa explained that City funds currently in Certificates of Deposits is accounted for in budgetary funds, it is not "extra" money. Brenner noted that supply costs have increased, and the city cannot control that. Post asked about the funds formerly budgeted for the police department. Cordes noted that the city is now paying the county for law enforcement and continues to employ the court clerk and the municipal judge. Mayor Hegwood closed the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing

Mayor Hegwood opened the 2024 Budget Hearing. There was no further public comment. Mayor Hegwood closed the Budget Hearing. Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve the 2024 budget. Motion carried with all in favor.

In other public comment, Post asked for an update regarding animal control. The city has advertised for the position but there have been no applications. Post also asked about the city donation fund. The fund is budgeted \$2,500.00/year.

Council approved three in person utility extensions.

The construction meeting with KHRC for the MIH grant will be Tuesday, August 29. Boese has received three applications.

Minutes of the August 14, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Holguin to approve building permits #23019, 23020, 23021 and 23022. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council discussed the changes Cordes made regarding access to city utilities located in back yards. Attorney Kuhns will review the changes.

Council reviewed the engineering inspection report for the property located at 109 S. Meade Center. DeLissa requested Cordes consult with the engineer regarding the specific repair needs and send a notification to the property owner listing the necessary repairs with a completion deadline of June 1, 2024.

Cordes reported to the council that the cost to bring utility service to the two new homes would be \$925.00 for water and \$800.00 for electric and would be added to the sales price of the homes.

Cordes presented a concrete project bid sheet to the council for the alley north of the baseball field on South Meade Center Street. He will make the suggested changes before sending requests for bids.

Cordes presented a request from Roger Messenger for the city to offer the option of a pro-key at the airport fueling station and monthly billing for airport fuel. This would require on-site set up

of additional software. The cost would be \$640.00 and the cost of set up time of 1 to 4 hours. Cordes noted that the last time there was an on-site call of less than one hour the cost was over \$600.00. Consensus of council was that it would be an unnecessary cost and liability to the city.

Consensus of the Council to move forward on the KMEA Mid-States program for substation maintenance. Costs for the program would be paid from the Electric Improvement fund.

Cordes has had several inquiries regarding the addition of a pickleball court. Council asked him to continue to research both location options and cost.

The city was notified by the Meade County Community Foundation that the grant request for cost sharing to add adaptive playground equipment to the city park was not funded and they are encouraged to apply again in 2024.

Gleason presented the following quotes for two renewing Certificates of Deposit:

Integrity Bank 6 month @ 1.65 APY or 12 months @ 1.95% APY

Meade State Bank 6 month @ 5.11% APY or 12 Months @ 5.11% APY

Plains State Bank 6 month @ 5.10% APY or 12 Months @ 4.75% APY

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Brenner to renew both Certificates at Meade State Bank for 6 months at 5.11% APY. Motion carried with all in favor.

DeLissa asked if the hangar door at the airport had been repaired. Cordes noted that the part will be ordered, but the door is functioning and did not damage the plane stored in the hangar.

Consensus of council to pay for the stoplight bulbs, fixture and back up battery from the Public Safety Fund.

Brenner asked if there were any updated reports regarding the lift station and Cordes is waiting on Ideatek to report their findings.

Motion by DeLissa, Seconded by Brenner to enter executive session for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for five minutes. Motion carried with all in favor.

After executive session, no action was taken.

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

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Gleason, City Clerk