

City Council Minutes  
September 11, 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, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Councilmember Brian Kroth and Attorney Kuhns were absent.

Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Doug Ritter, and Larry Knott.

Doug Ritter discussed with the council the issue of vehicles using the right lane as a turning lane. Ticketing has not lowered the incidents and the paint is not working. Most of the people using it as a turning lane and most of the tickets written have been to out of town drivers. The State designated it as a single lane so it cannot be a turn lane. He suggested putting delineators in the area and the cost would be around \$800.00. Ritter and Cordes have both contacted KDOT regarding this issue. Cordes and Ritter have both contacted Ron Hall, KDOT, regarding regulations and the possibility of using delineators in the lanes. Hall said he would forward it to the engineers, and it would likely need a permit. Cordes will contact KDOT regarding the possibility of doing this and if a permit is required. The state only maintains the highway and the city must maintain the parking area and curb, guttering and sidewalks. DeLissa noted that there are more trucks turning a block early and using city streets to avoid the longer stop times at the light. Council discussed possible changes to the timing of the stoplight cycles. Cordes will check on the current timing of the lights and report at the next meeting.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the August 28, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

There were no building permits.

Motion by Brenner seconded by Lucas to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$429,794.19. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes opened bids for the concrete drainage project at the ballfield. Knott Construction \$8,970.00. WK Construction \$11,200.00. Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to accept the bid from Knott Construction for \$8,970. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes reported that the pool was open through Labor Day and has now been winterized. He will be improving the lifeguard chair and adding another sunshade by next summer. The roof on the pump house and the awning on the west side of the pool are in need of repair.

Cordes reported that all the new T-Hangars have been leased and all but two of the older T-hangars are leased. There was consensus of the Council for Cordes to construct a dividing wall between Hangar 13 and Hangar 14 to provide security if we are able to rent either of them. He felt it could be done this winter by city staff and would probably cost \$600.00 - \$800.00. Cordes reported that adding an additional hangar was going to be more complicated than originally thought. The parking lot was built with federal funding and cannot be changed for 20 years or pay a pro-rated portion back to the FAA. Any changes would require a pro-rated payback. Building costs have increased significantly and currently there are no grant funds available to build a hangar that is going to be rented to a business. The hangar that is rented to Bringham Flying was not built with federal funds. Cordes will bring more information to the next meeting.

Council reviewed the specifications for pick-up bids. Cordes will make the requested changes and mail the request for bids.

Council approved the request by Cordes to attend the KMEA Conference on October 19 and 20.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Holguin to allow up to \$1000.00 for computer hardware upgrades.

Cordes is getting information from TJ Milford of Ideatek for upgrades to the lift station cell phones.

DeLissa requested the Council review the rubric to be used for the Moderate-Income Housing Grant applicants at the September 28 meeting.

Brenner asked if the city will be moving the limbs from the water tower area. Cordes noted that there are other projects that must be completed first and it will be mid-October at the earliest.

Motion by Brenner, 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 the Executive Session, no action was taken.

Motion by Holguin, seconded by Lucas to increase Jateice Vieux wages to \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

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JD Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janet Gleason, City Clerk