

City Council Minutes  
November 27, 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, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason and City Attorney Clay Kuhns.

Visitors were Jamie Boese, Tom Kuhns, Dakota Gentry, Mike Gillen, Tyler Clark, and Austin Oats

Council approved three utility extensions.

There was no public comment.

Boese informed the council that there was a pre-construction meeting with the homebuyers tonight and a contract was signed for the home located at 219 Lemmon Circle. The buyer was approved by KHRC, but the contract will be dependent on bank financing. The letter of intent and proof of financing is due to Jamie in January. To date the contactor has spent \$112,352.00.

Minutes of the November 13, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Holguin to approve Building permit #23024. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council discussed the Girl Scout Hut and consensus of the Council was for it to remain property of the City.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth, to give all full-time employees a \$200.00 Christmas bonus.

Cordes has sent a second notice to repair the property located at 402 West Carthage. There has been no response from the owners.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to hire Kimberly Meyer for the Animal Control position subject to 90 day probationary period, pending background check and driver's license check, at a salary of \$300.00 per month. Motion carried with all in favor.

Consensus of the council to repair the alley behind the car wash and to add curb and gutter to the request for bids.

Cordes informed the council that an employee had backed a city pickup into another vehicle. He is waiting on the repair estimate.

Motion by Lucas, seconded by Kroth to offer the Police Department building to an interested party for \$800.00 per month rental with a one year lease. Motion carried with all in favor.

The following quotes were presented for a \$300,000.00 CD renewing at Meade State Bank. Integrity Bank- 6 month 1.66%, 12 month 1.96%: Meade State Bank- 6 month/12 month 5.11%: Bank of the Plains did not quote. Motion by Brenner, seconded by DeLissa to renew the CD with Meade State Bank for 12 months at 5.11%apy. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented a letter from Janet Hale, county clerk, certifying the 2023 elections. Mayor: JD Hegwood, Councilmembers: Roberto (Beto Holguin) and George Lucas.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Brenner to appoint Clay Kuhns to the Economic Development Board to replace Justina Daily.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Lucas to renew the Beer License for Meade Thriftway and Love's Country Stores. Brenner-yes, Kroth-yes, Lucas-yes, DeLissa-yes, Holguin-yes.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by DeLissa to approve Hay Rice and Associates to conduct the 2023 audit. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes updated the council on the water project. The East side is complete other than the water tower. There are 11 blocks to complete on the West side.

Consensus of the council to have Attorney Kuhns send a letter to Chubb and Sons due to the lack of response to the claim on the power plant engine claim.

Cordes informed the council that the High School was not interested in the pickup and directed him to list it on purple wave.

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 Executive Session, no action was taken.

Motion by Holguin, seconded by Lucas to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

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JD Hegwood, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Janet Gleason, City Clerk