

City Council Minutes
July 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Mitch Brenner, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Michael Gillen, Randi Vanderpool, Victoria Wright, and Jamie Boese.

Council approved one extension request and 5 extended payment agreements.

Minutes of the July 12 meeting were approved as written.

Cordes asked if the third phase of the water project could be added to the current project with Penner. Attorney Kuhns will review this and contact Cordes. The current project is still delayed due to waiting on the supplies.

KDOT denied the grant application for mill and overlay on North Highway 23. Cordes stated that KDOT had received 61 applications for a total of \$37 million and there is only \$24 million in funds allocated for the competitive funds.

Cordes reported that the street sealing on the Northeast quarter is finished except for one block that will be completed when the curb and guttering is finished.

If all goes well this week the splash pad will be in operation by Friday.

Cordes distributed information regarding KDOT future projects

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve the three-year wage increase for Gleason. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Brenner to approve the city share of \$1,488.00 for the sidewalk incentive application at 516 N. Fowler for 100 feet of sidewalk and a small amount of curb and gutter. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes requested the Donna Oehm, Power Plant Compliance, LLC, a consultant for power plant compliance and monitoring recommended by KMEA, be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the needed upgrades for the catalytic converter monitors. Council agreed to place her on the agenda for the August 9 meeting.

Cordes gave council a draft copy of a proposed agreement for consolidation of the police department for review. Sheriff Ritter has reviewed it. There have been two inquiries but no applications for the Chief of Police position. Council will review the draft and make any suggestions for revisions to Cordes this week. Mayor Hegwood would like an attorney to review it.

Gleason reviewed the fund status report with council.

Boese presented council with information about the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation. She has compiled a list of landlords and rental properties. She has identified 117 rental properties in Meade. In the month of May there were 33 move in/out. These are people moving into town, out of town and/or moving from one address to a different address within town. KHRC is a public program offering grant and/or loan opportunities for housing assistance targeted for moderate income households. Assistance may be in the form of actual housing development, new construction, or rehabilitation of actual housing. Applications from municipalities would require a community housing assessment and are due by September 27. Consensus of Council was to move forward on applying.

Council approved the revised application for employment form.

Motion by Kroth, second by Brenner to have the RNR hearing followed by the budget hearing on Monday, August 23 at 7p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council approved Gleason and Boese to attend the Kansas League of Municipalities annual conference October 9-11.

Motion by Brenner, second by Kroth to donate \$75.00 for a purple membership to the Booster Club. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to pass Resolution 312.

RESOLUTION NO. 312

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS REGARDING THE
GOVERNING BODY’S INTENT TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX EXCEEDING THE
REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE:**

Motion carried with all in favor.

Attorney Kuhns reported that things are moving forward for the tax sale.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk