

City Council Minutes
March 11, 2024

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 and City Clerk Janet Gleason. City Attorney Clay Kuhns was absent.

Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, and Jamie Boese.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

Motion by Brenner, seconded by Kroth to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$336,470.29. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes opened bids for the hangar improvements. WK Construction: \$73,200.00 and Gary Knott Construction \$81,460.00. Motion by Brenner, second by Holguin to accept the bid from WK Construction for \$73,200.00. Motion carried with all in favor, Kroth abstained. DeLissa suggested Cordes contact the occupants with the proposed construction dates so they can make arrangements.

Cordes was approached by Angie Howard regarding the council decision regarding storage containers. The council discussed the possibility again and the consensus was to not allow them in residential properties and leave the ordinance as it is written.

Cordes reminded the council of the public hearing for Neil Isaac's zoning request on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. with the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing at 7:00pm on April 8 for the property located at 402 W Carthage Street.

Boese reported the housing committee met and a walk through is scheduled for March 20 at 5:30p.m. Boese indicated that the 2024 MIH grant timelines have not been announced yet but asked if the council wanted to apply again. The City Council discussed getting feedback from the community to help determine if there is a need to continue building since the cost of construction is increasing. They discussed the possibility of building smaller homes with a crawlspace rather than a basement or building without an attached garage. They also discussed trying to determine the size, type and price of housing that is most needed. Council felt if the build could be closer to \$150,000.00 it would be more affordable to the income levels required by the grant. Boese indicated to the council she would be willing to put together and administer a survey. Council would like to advertise again that the lots are available at no charge upon submission of the building plans of a home and approval of the City Council.

Cordes informed the council that a group is planning a fly-in at the airport on Saturday, May 4 at noon.

Cordes presented the council with a proposed location of two pickleball courts. He and Mayor Hegwood are on the agenda for the next Recreation Commission meeting.

Gleason distributed a legislative alert to the council regarding multiple bills currently being considered in both the Senate and House Legislatures.

Motion by Brenner, second by Lucas to approve the Beer License for U Pump It. Brenner-yes, Kroth-yes, Lucas-yes, DeLissa-yes, Holguin-yes. Motion carried.

Gleason presented rates for a renewing CD #23633. Meade State Bank: 6 months @5.11% and 12 months at 5.11%. Bank of the Plains 6 months @5.25%, 12 months @ 5.20%. Motion by DeLissa second by Kroth to move the \$750,000.00 to Bank of the Plains for 12 months @ 5.20%. Motion carried with all in favor.

Brenner asked how often the water tower is painted and what the cost would be to add MEADE lettering the next time it is painted. Cordes will check on this.

Holguin asked when the deadline was for Gary Knott to complete the concrete work at the baseball field. Cordes has talked to Knott and reminded him the deadline was March 15 (this Friday).

DeLissa asked if the Police Building had been leased. Cordes said it was and that he is going to improve the parking area since there will be more vehicles parking there. Gleason is waiting on quotes from Colby Canvas regarding the awning.

Council discussed longevity service awards but would like advisement from the City Attorney before making a final decision.

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Motion by DeLissa, second by Holguin to give Christina Redger a 90 day increase to \$16.54. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

ATTEST:

JD Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, City Clerk