

City Council Minutes  
August 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Mitch Brenner was absent. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Donna Oehm, Tom Kuhns, Bobbie Allison, Sandy Borger, Loren Borger, Sena Hough, Joseph Hough, Jeff Mather, Randi Vanderpool, and Victoria Wright.

Donna Oehm, Power Plant Compliance, LLC discussed with the Council the need for upgrades on the monitoring system at the power plant to comply with the Clean Air Act. The monitors are beyond repair and need to be replaced. Council reviewed her quote for monitors, pre and post installation consultation and training and compliance assistance. Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to accept the quote to upgrade, install the monitors and provide on-site consultation at the plant for a cost of \$30,669.40. Motion carried with all in favor. Cordes will review the capacity credits with KMEA and contact KDHE.

L. Borger, S. Borger, S. Hough expressed concerns regarding the status of the police department. L. Borger stated to the council he had heard that the council was considering a contract with the County Sheriff for law enforcement and felt the public should have input on the decision. He was concerned officers would not be in town when needed. S. Borger agreed and felt there should be public input and there are so many rumors. S. Hough stated she appreciated seeing officers patrol her street and was concerned that officers would not be present at the schools. S. Hough also expressed concern about highway 54 traffic control. Mayor Hegwood stated that the council was still considering both the option of hiring a chief and keeping the department as well as the option of contracting with the County Sheriff Department. DeLissa stated it is important to look at the facts and the agreement being considered would include the city paying the cost of two or three officers who would patrol the city. Money is not the only consideration, and the Council has not made a decision, but the city has not received any applications. Kroth stated that the council door is always open to public comment.

Minutes of the July 26, 2021, minutes were approved as written.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to approve building permits #21014, 21015, 21016, and 21017. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to approve Demolition permit 3-21. Motion carried with all in favor. Kroth asked about requirements of demolition permits. Cordes stated they must remove walls and floor unless Council directs otherwise due to the circumstances. Kroth felt they should have to at least water pack or do compaction, especially if a basement were involved. DeLissa agreed for a commercial area, but it might not be affordable for a residential area. Kroth and DeLissa would like to review what the current requirements are for demolition.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Lucas to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$239,116.17. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes has talked to the contractor and is hopeful work on the stoplight will begin in a couple of weeks.

Council approved for Cordes to attend the KMEA conference Sept 30-Oct 1.

The splash pad still needs some work but is in operation and the community is using it.

Cordes informed the Council that Judy Classen would like to know what is expected to reopen the Laundromat. Council agreed that it must be structurally sound and be nice enough that people will want to use it.

Gleason gave the Council information regarding Legislative redistricting meetings to be held across the state. There are meetings in Garden City and Dodge City on Tuesday August 10.

Gleason distributed the 2020 Financial Statements from the audit by Hay Rice and Associates.

Sunday, August 22 at the Meade Municipal Airport at 11:00 a.m. there will be a Dream Flight on a Boeing Stearman Bi-Plane for Duane Marshall- a WWII veteran from Minneola.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk