

City of Meade

The council meeting was called to order in the council meeting room at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Richard Knott. Council members present were Roger Musgrove, JD Hegwood, Bart Fischer, Brian Kroth and Lance DeLissa. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Attorney Clay Kuhns, City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Randi Vanderpool, Mike Godfrey, Michael Inlow, Tom Kuhns and Steve Elmore.

The meeting opened with the hearing to condemn the property located at 301 S. Fowler. Council signed a petition on October 22, 2018, inspection was conducted on November 5, 2018 and findings presented to council on November 12, 2018 and the Council decided to move forward as per Resolution 301. Notices were sent to the owners and it was publicized on November 21 and 28 issues of the Meade County News. Cordes read the inspection report to the council. After discussion of the condition of the property Council decided to give the owners 30 days from the hearing date to seal doors and windows to the property and 120 days to complete the other listed repairs. Cordes will notify the owners and the bank.

Musgrove made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$298,116.38, seconded by Hegwood with all in favor.

The December 10, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

Building permits #19001, 19002, and 19003 were approved on motion made by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth with all in favor.

Cordes has a proposal from Lane to repair Well # 6. The proposal cost is \$59,779.53 to complete the repairs needed. DeLissa moved to accept the bid for \$59,779.53 for repairs on Well #6 and Musgrove seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

The new radar sign has been installed and is working. KCAP insurance contacted Cordes with a request to quote a policy for the city. Cordes told them we currently use EMC through a local agent. Council requested Cordes go ahead and get a quote as we have a responsibility to the citizens to save money if it is possible. Council reviewed Cordes's project list for 2019.

Cordes showed the council that there are 18 homes for sale from one realtor and that according to the last census the population has dropped 7.8% from 2010 to end of 2016. He asked if anyone had ideas or suggestions for attracting business to our city.

Chief Inlow requested to go into executive session with council and city attorney only for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. It was motioned by Musgrove at 7:40pm to go into executive session, with Council, Mayor, Attorney, Inlow and Vanderpool for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the persons to be discussed for 10 minutes and returning to this same room, seconded by Hegwood with all in favor. The open meeting will resume at 7:50 pm. After the executive session at 7:50pm Fischer motioned to go into executive session with council, attorney and Mayor only for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes and returning to this room. Seconded by Musgrove. The open meeting will resume at 8:00pm. After executive session the Mayor is authorized to discuss personnel actions with said employee.

Inlow distributed the police report and requested Vanderpool be allowed to attend an administrative personnel training in Dodge City.

Steve Elmore presented Opinion of Probable Cost from the feasibility study conducted for United Wireless. Moving forward has been slowed due to the government shut down but United has decided to attempt to get funding to provide high speed internet to underserved areas of Southwest Kansas. They are proceeding to apply for a 50% grant/ 50% loan for funding for the project. The project will be a

rural and city project. This will be a long process but United will hopefully know something definitive by late May.

Gleason reported that \$536.96 was received in City Park donations in 2018. Fischer moved to transfer \$10,000.00 from the general fund to the TASC benefit fund. Second by Kroth. Motion carried. Delissa moved to put the renewing CD of \$100,000.00 in a 12-month CD with Plains State Bank at a rate of 2.4%. Seconded by Fischer. Motion carried. Delissa made a motion to send the outstanding amount of \$11063.32 in utility billings to the State for collections. Seconded by Musgrove. Motion carried. The dog and cat clinic and registration will be Saturday, February 23.

Gleason requested clarification from the Council regarding additional paid days off. Employees were allowed to take off Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve but the paid Holidays in the employee manual are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Council agreed that employees required to work on the added days would be paid their regular hourly rate but would be granted an alternate day which they could take as a paid day off. Police officers are not required to clock out for lunch because they are on call but a designated day off would be for 8 hours not 9.

There was some discussion regarding the cost of a new employee to the city. An employee paid \$15.98/hour would have a base pay cost of \$33,238.40 and an additional cost of \$4,154.80 if it were an employee on a 9-hour day, the cost of a family health plan and estimated employer portion of KPERS/Social Security would add another \$28,322.40 for a total annual payroll cost of \$65,715.40. This cost would not include any costs such as training, travel, vehicle allowance if part of the job, overtime etc.

Kroth presented bids from S & S Rock for concrete crushing. This company would sort the trash out and crush the rock so it could be used for city alleys. Kuhns will verify that the city could also sell this product to recoup some of the expense. Cordes will also check the statute. Kroth will check with S & S as to if they are interested in buying the product back. Having the crushed rock on site will save the city transportation costs and it is good product the city can use for streets and alleys. Delissa made a motion for S & S Rock to crush half the concrete and Kroth seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor indicated that Dane Little is interested in coming onto the Economic Development Board. Kroth made a motion to appoint Dane Little as a representative for Meade Economic Development, seconded by Musgrove. Motion carried.

Musgrove motioned at 9:49pm for an executive session to include Council, Mayor, Attorney, Cordes and Gleason for acquisition of real property for 5 minutes to meet back in this room. Seconded by Fischer. Motion carried all in favor. Council returned to regular session at 9:54pm. No action was taken.

Motion be Musgrove to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fischer. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm.

ATTEST:

Richard Knott, Mayor

Janet Gleason, City Clerk