

Meade Kansas
April 8, 2019

Meade City Council

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, Bart Fischer, JD Hegwood and Lance Delissa. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbi Alison, Shelly Cook, Kim Stevens, Mike Godfrey, Michael Inlow, and Greg Borth.

Shelly Cook requested a pay increase. She indicated appreciation for the raises the city has given the lifeguards but she has not had an increase for some time. There have been some revisions to the contract and development of job descriptions for pool manager and lifeguards. Council and Cook will review those and finalize them at the next council meeting on April 22. Consensus was that the pool would open Memorial Day weekend as it has in the past.

Stevens asked what happens to the rebate money from EMC. Cordes explained that the money would be refunded back to the departments in the same percentages that the initial premium was paid. She asked what the reasoning was for the choice of insurance. Fischer felt EMC had greater assets in the event of a disaster, has been in business a long time. The representative from KCAMP was not present at the special meeting to address questions. Fischer explained that representatives from both companies had presented information and answered questions at two prior council meetings. Stevens asked if difference in cost was considered, if the comparison was “apples to apples” and if EMC provides assistance with risk management because she was aware that KCAMP does provide risk management services. Cordes stated that EMC does offer risk management services. Fischer stated he felt he made the best decision for the safety and security of the City due to the strength of the company. Stevens asked if there are areas the city can save money as opposed to raising taxes. Cordes stated that he does look for ways to save and has done so in a number of ways. There are fewer employees in the street, sewer and electrical departments. The streets are now being sealed on a six year rotation rather than 4 years and an estimated cost savings to the city of \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00 on the years that the streets are not sealed. Stevens asked if city costs are keeping up with the revenue stream. Cordes said it is. Mayor Knott indicated that it is state law that the city cannot raise the mill levy without a vote and the accountants have reminded the council to be aware of spending. Stevens expressed concerns about higher taxes and lower incomes that effect living in rural communities.

Mayor asked Chief Inlow if he had anything to present and he stated he did have something but would present it later.

Motion by Fischer, second by Musgrove to approve appropriations ordinance of \$306,460.12. Motion carried all in favor.

March 25 minutes were approved with one addition by Delissa to add that he thought KCAMP would purchase re-insurance for coverage. March 27 special meeting minutes were approved as written.

Cordes said all wells are ok but they are still waiting on the meter for Well #6. In regard to the stoplight—there will be a representative from the Garden City office of the Department of Transportation at the council meeting on April 22, 2019.

Cordes presented his proposal for bids for repairs to the municipal building for the council to review and will make their suggested changes and accept bids until late May.

Cordes reviewed a bid for the treatment of the trees at the park. After some discussion, council asked Stevens to check the trees and make a recommendation for what was needed prior to accepting the bid in case there is a need for revision.

Cordes presented an updated collaborative agreement for a wellness center for the council to review. USD 226 had an attorney revise the original agreement.

Cordes requested to attend the KMU conference in Wichita May 8-10. Council approved.

Cordes presented bids and details for the bids for repair of the hangar roof at the airport. The bids were not necessarily all the same because each contractor quoted the job differently. Cordes gave the itemization and council requested he get a more information and present it, along with the bids at the next council meeting. DV Douglass \$31,125.00. Aquashield \$23,162.60 Gary Knott Construction \$18,712.00.

On the project list for 2019 Cordes had listed replacing a mower but with the cost of crushing the concrete he felt that might have to wait. However, Kevin Larrabee’s aunt is selling a used 42” John Deere riding mower that has been garaged and is in very good shape for \$1000.00. The city has a 42” mower that was purchased in 2014 from Ace Hardware for \$2500.00. If the city would purchase the used 42” he would be able to try to use the 60” mower for another year and it would save about \$5000.00. Musgrove made a motion seconded by Delissa to purchase the used mower from Kevin Larrabee’s Aunt for \$1000.00. Motion carried all in favor.

At the request of the Council, Cordes has sent letters to several residents regarding the condition of their property and requested a response within 30 days. He has talked with all of them and updated the council on the intended action and progress on each of them.

Revisions to the Cereal Malt Beverage Ordinance by City Attorney Kuhns were given to Council for review.

Fischer asked if the park bench donated in honor of Judy Reed needed to be anchored. Cordes will check on this.

Chief Inlow requested a 15-month pay increase for Officer Clerk. Motion by Delissa seconded by Musgrove to grant a 15 month increase to Officer Clerk. Motion carried all in favor.

Inlow requested executive session with council.

Fischer motioned council enter into executive session with Inlow and council only for 10 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the persons to be discussed. Seconded by Delissa with all in favor. The open meeting will resume in ten minutes in this same room. After executive session no action was taken.

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Chief Inlow informed the Council that the Kansas Highway Patrol does offer training for local officers to be certified to inspect commercial motor vehicles and that Liberal has a certified officer. He stated that the Highway Patrol would pay for everything. The training is in October and April each year. Inlow requested approval for Officer Wondra and Chief Inlow to attend the training. Inlow stated that with certification there is a requirement for the number of inspections done each month but did not specify what that number was. Delissa asked if Inlow had a rough idea of what the cost of additional equipment would be. Inlow said it would require mobile data terminals in the cars. Hegwood asked if there would be grants to help cover this cost but Inlow said he was not aware of any. The total price for the computers from Datalux would be \$11,358.00 but they have a financing option of \$2581.00 for 5 years at 6.83% interest which would bring the total cost to \$12,905.00. That price is for 3 units, installation and all hardware and software. Inlow requested the purchase made be from the public safety fund. Hegwood asked how much the training would cost and Inlow again stated that there was no cost. Mayor asked where the training was held and Inlow stated it would be in Salina for two weeks and then a trooper would be assigned to come to Meade for further training with them. Fischer asked if room and board was provided and Inlow said the only cost to the city would be their time. Fischer asked if he was requesting for the equipment now or later and Inlow stated now. Delissa asked how much space the equipment would take and Inlow stated it would not take a lot of space and would not be removable because the officers all have computers in the office. Fischer asked if the \$2581.00/year was a 5 year lease to own option and Inlow stated yes. Fischer asked if the public safety fund was built from ticket revenue and Mayor said that money is from the mill levy. Delissa asked if there were any monthly subscription fees and Inlow said no, but there would be monthly charges for the wireless data through Verizon. Inlow indicated that if the city added a fourth officer having this system would prevent a higher cost of dispatch fees because officers would be able to run license and tag checks from their vehicles and that digital tickets would no longer be on their phones. Inlow said the first class with openings would be April 2020 but if they could get on the waiting list there might be a chance they could get into the October class. Musgrove asked if it would put a load on the other officers if Inlow and Wondra were gone for 2 weeks and Inlow said he didn't think so, they always do that for trainings. Delissa asked if they would sign up for the same training or different ones for availability and Inlow said they would go to the same training. Mayor asked if having this equipment would cut back on officer hours since they would be able to do reporting in the car rather than coming into the office to transfer information. Inlow said they would be on the street more because they could run radar and be doing their reporting but he did not indicate it would change the number of hours worked. Motion by Delissa, seconded Musgrove to purchase computers with a 5 year lease for \$2,581.00/year. Motion carried all in favor. Inlow said he would sign the memorandum of understanding to be put on the waiting list for the training and submit it to the Kansas Highway Patrol. He again stated the only cost of the training would be their time.

With no further business to come before the council Musgrove made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fischer. Motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Richard Knott, Mayor

Janet Gleason, City Clerk