

City Council Minutes

Meeting date:

Monday, April 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order in the Library meeting room at 7:00 p.m. (due to the social distancing guidelines for COVID19 a ZOOM link was posted for public viewing of the meeting) by Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Present were J.D. Hegwood, Armando Gonzalez, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Attorney Clay Kuhns and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitor was Tom Kuhns.

There was no public comment.

There will be no utility shut offs in April as per State Resolution 20-05 until it is rescinded or May 1. Residents with past due accounts will be asked to complete an extension request and payment plan. There are currently 23 accounts past due and 14 accounts with extension agreements for a total of \$7,756.88 in overdue payments.

Council reviewed the police report.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Gonzalez to approve the Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$251,932.57. Motion carried 4-0.

Council reviewed the March Treasurer's report.

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Kroth to approve the March 23 minutes as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Cordes presented bids for concrete work at 5 locations in the city. The bids were WK Construction \$10,250.00 and Knott Construction \$15,160.00. Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Holguin to accept the bid from WK Construction for \$10,250.00. Motion carried 3-0 with Kroth abstaining.

The city motor grader was sold on Purple Wave for \$4,800.00.

City insurance was renewed for 2020 with EMC Insurance. There was a premium increase of more than \$8000.00. Council was given a breakdown of the premiums by policy comparing 2019 and 2020.

City wide cleanup has been scheduled to begin on May 4, 2020.

Cordes received information from the State of Kansas that due to COVID-19 the meetings for license renewals for water and wastewater certification have been cancelled. These permits will be extended to December 31, 2020.

Council discussed the uncertainties in revenue and shortages that COVID19 measures may create. It was decided to go ahead and employ one full-time summer employee. Council also agreed to move forward as if the pool will open at some point this summer.

Council discussed a franchise agreement with Ideatek Telecom LLC. DeLissa studied the agreement and information on the company. He also requested Cordes contact other municipalities who have agreements with Ideatek Telecom, LLC. DeLissa was unable to attend the meeting and asked Cordes to share his information with the Council. This agreement would not be an exclusive agreement. The residents of the city would continue to have choices in their providers and plans. Mount Hope, Moundridge and Inman all have agreements with Ideatek Telecom, LLC and all have been very

satisfied. Gonzalez asked if there would be any cost to the city and Cordes said the only cost is just the extra time it might take for the lineman to work around the Ideatek Telecom, LLC equipment installed on the poles. Ideatek Telecom, LLC will bear all the expenses related to the installation, repair and maintenance of their equipment. Cordes stated that this is an opportunity for the community to have high speed internet available. Motion by Kroth, seconded by Lucas to pass Ordinance 905 with changes to section 3e to allow 30 days rather than 14 days for approval of any permit applications from Ideatek Telecom, LLC. Motion carried. 4-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 905

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO IDEATEK TELCOM. LLC, LLC, A CONTRACT FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS.

Gleason said the audit will be scheduled for late May. CD 22844 in the amount of \$600,000.00 matures on 4/27/2020. Renewal rates are Fowler State Bank 1%, Meade State Bank 1%, Plains State Bank .76%- 6 month, .81%-12 month with a \$300,000.00 minimum. Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Kroth to keep the CD at Meade State Bank and renew it for 12 months. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Hegwood told the council he was approached by Billie McGowan, manager of Love's, regarding recognizing the 2020 Senior class by putting up banners similar to ones she has seen in other communities. She was willing to contact other business to see if they would consider donating funds for this. Council thought it was a good idea but that many businesses are struggling and might not currently have funds available. Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Lucas to donate up to \$598.00 to help with the cost of the banners. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Gonzalez to donate \$1000.00 for the cost of the annual fireworks display. Motion carried 4-0.

Kroth asked Cordes if Knott Construction had started on the work on the airport and municipal building. Cordes stated that he had started on the airport roof.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Gonzales to approve Resolution 307 temporarily waiving late fees of utility bills. Motion carried 4-0

RESOLUTION NO. 307

A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING LATE FEES OF UTILITY BILLS PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-05, EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2020

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Kroth to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk