

Meade City Council Minutes
August 12, 2019

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 Lance DeLissa, Armando Gonzalez, J.D. Hegwood, Brian Kroth and Roger Musgrove. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and Janet Gleason, City Clerk. Visitors were Bobbie Allison, Tom Kuhns, Elaine Post, Teresa Post, Mike Godfrey, Jim Woodruff, Michael Inlow and Taylor Harden.

The meeting opened with the swearing in and introduction of appointed Councilman, Armando Gonzalez. Mayor then opened the budget hearing for public comment.

Elaine Post asked for clarification on the budget amounts and some of the fund balances and Cordes explained the balances as well as the purposes of the funds. Teresa Post asked for clarification of the use of the Public Safety funds. Cordes stated that in the past the fund was used to purchase Police Vehicles. Recently the monies have been used to purchase computers and cages for the police vehicles, the flashing speed signs and the down payment for the newest Police Vehicle. The police department budget is a line item in the general fund of \$330,000.00 and not part of the Safety Fund.

Post asked if the Public Safety fund would be used for stoplight repairs and Cordes stated that it would not. Paul Stoner, EBH engineering, is going to come to a council meeting to present more information regarding the Safe Routes to Schools program and discuss the stoplight issues.

Taylor Harden introduced himself and explained to the council the work his company, Technology for All, has been doing to upgrade the Police Department, Plant and City Office. The computers at the plant and the servers for all three offices still need to be upgraded and he is exploring the most cost-effective way to do this. He is also the Vice-Mayor of Liberal and invited anyone to visit the Commission meetings in Liberal.

The Appropriation Ordinance in the amount of \$473,224.42 was approved on motion made by Musgrove, seconded by Kroth and carried with all in favor.

The July 22, 2019 minutes were approved as written.

Building permit #19019 was approved with corrections on motion made by Kroth, seconded by Hegwood, with all in favor.

Dean shared a citizen concern regarding the fireworks in their neighborhood and Council will review the ordinance at a later date.

The airport AWOS system wind sensor is no longer working and the replacement part will be \$7000.00. The FAA considers this maintenance and a grant will not cover the cost of the repairs. There is a possibility that the city could apply for a grant for a replacement but it would be more than a year before the money would be available IF the city were awarded the grant. Post asked if the county provides any funds for the airport since it serves people in the county as well as the city. Cordes said not at the present time. Post asked if the funds in the airport budget were for other things and Cordes said some of them are. The roof repairs are going to cost around \$18,000.00.

The large distribution bucket truck can no longer be used. It will need to be replaced so Cordes asked the Council about doing the cooling tower repairs next year and replacing the truck instead. Council agreed that Woodruff and Gillen should go to look at possible replacement trucks in Oklahoma City and Dallas. These are the only places Cordes has been able to locate used bucket trucks. Musgrove motioned, seconded by Gonzalez, to allow Woodruff and Gillen to look at the trucks and purchase the one advertised for \$64,900.00 is it is a good deal. Motion carried. Cordes will discuss with the staff if there would be any other possible use for the current truck.

Council signed a petition to begin the process of condemning the property located at 509 N. Webb.

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Musgrove to make a donation of \$75.00 to the Meade Booster Club. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mike Godfrey has passed the KDHE exam and has completed the requirements for Certification as a sewer/wastewater supervisor. Jim Woodruff and Eric Welker are certified as water supervisors.

Council approved for Gleason and Kramer to attend a State of Kansas Debt Recovery System training in Dodge City on September 23.

Mayor asked if there were any more questions or comments regarding the budget. With no more comments, the budget hearing was closed.

Inlow reported that National Night Out went well and attendance was near 400.

Motion by Musgrove to enter into executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Council only and Inlow to meet back in this same room. Motion was seconded by Kroth. After executive session no action was taken.

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

ATTEST:

Richard Knott, Mayor

Janet Gleason, City Clerk