

City Council Minutes

Meeting date:

Monday, September 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Armando Gonzalez, Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbi Allison, Tom Kuhns, Sarah Debnam, and Monroe Powers.

Monroe Powers talked to the council regarding a parking ticket received for his semi/trailer. He stated that it was empty and parked at his house to make repairs. He had gone into the house to cool off and when he came out, he had a ticket on it. He told Officer Inlow later why it was in town. He has a truck parking permit, but he does not have a way to get home when he takes the truck to the lot.

Kroth stated that the city built the lot because trucks are hard on the streets and that the Police Department has been asked to enforce the ordinance. Powers wanted to know why there has been a truck parked on Jefferson Street for a long time. Powers also asked why Police vehicles are left running when the officers are in the office. Gonzalez explained that it is due to the electronic equipment in the vehicle. Council thanked Powers for coming to the council regarding his concerns and they will talk with the Police Department. Sarah Debnam inquired about the truck parking and will get a permit tomorrow. She asked about security at the lot and Council stated that it is checked by the police department. She asked about the lot surface and council stated it is rock and if it needs attention to let the council know.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Gonzales, to approve the Appropriation Ordinance of \$693,596.52. Motion carried with all in favor. Council reviewed the August Treasurer report.

Kroth motioned, seconded by Gonzales to approve the August 24,2020 minutes as written. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to approve Building Permits # 20017 and 20018. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Lance, seconded by Holguin, to approve the sale of the East ½ of Lot 19, Lot 20, 21 and 22 in Block 8 of the Original Survey of Meade Kansas for \$500.00 subject to constructing an approved building within 18 months. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council tabled the “no cell phone” ordinance for further review.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to approve Ordinance 907. Motion carried with all in favor. The city will paint the lines.

ORDINANCE NO. 907

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS TO ALLOW FOR ANGLE PARKING ON THE NORTH HALF OF WEST PLAINS STREET BETWEEN FOWLER STREET AND SPRINGLAKE STREET AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Council contacted Administrator Cordes by telephone. Cordes mailed four requests for bids to inspect and clean the water tower. Two were returned. Both bids are for a diver to go into the tower with a vacuum for cleaning. The last time it was done was in 2014.

MIDCO Diving Services. \$2949.00. The diver will take a video and give the city a written report. There would be additional cost if there is more than 3” of sediment in the bottom of the tower. The

was not an amount for the additional cost but the bid stated a firm price would be given on-site.

Liquid Engineering \$3325.00. Sediment more than 3" would be billed at \$42.00/cubic yard and \$425.00/hour for any additional work they may find that needs to be done that they are unaware of. Cordes stated that if it were something major the additional work could be re-bid.

Midco cleaned the tower in 2014 and Cordes was satisfied with their work. They provided DVD's as well as a written report. Kroth asked if the sediment level in 2014 was more than 3" and Cordes said it was less than 3" at the time. Gonzalez asked when it was done prior to 2014 and Cordes thought it had been done in 2008 or 2009. Motion by Kroth seconded by DeLissa to accept the bid from Midco Diving for a water tower inspection at the cost of \$2,949.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Gonzalez to enter executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect their privacy to meet back into this same room in 10 minutes. Motion carried with all in favor. After executive session, no action was taken.

Interest quotes for a renewing Certificate of Deposit #22898 were Fowler State Bank- 6 month @ .50%; 12 months @.80%.

Meade State Bank- 6 month @ .55%; 12 month @ .65%; Plains State Bank – 6month @ .25%; 12 month @ .35%.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Kroth to renew \$400,000.00 CD for 6 months with Meade State Bank @.55%. Motion carried with all in favor.

Council approved Gleason's request to attend the League of Kansas Municipalities virtual conference October 14-16 and the City Clerk Municipal Finance Officers Association virtual conference November 9-13.

Council signed the SPARKS fund agreement received from Meade County and reviewed the breakdown of the direct aid funding approved for the City. The City was allotted \$50,504.72. Receipts in the amount of \$15,033.07 have been approved and the city should receive a reimbursement check for those funds which will leave a balance of \$35,471.65 for reimbursement. Gleason gave council a bid for the construction of a Covid barrier for the police department in the amount of \$2083.00 that she received from Chief Inlow. Council requested a second bid on this before approving it. If purchases approved by the SPARKS Committee are less than the submitted receipts, the city will be allowed to submit another proposal for the use of the remaining funds. The proposal must be approved by the SPARKS Committee prior to submitting additional receipts for reimbursement. Council approved the proposal from Technology for All to upgrade the City Office computers and laptop for \$1200.00 and to upgrade the powerplant server for \$3719.99. Council approved the upgrade at the West entrance to a wave sensor, self-opening single door @ \$3231.00.

Proposals for an upgrade to the city phone system: United Wireless – conversion to HPBX system \$12,617.00. Ideatek conversion to a VOIP system \$1,935.00. Motion by Kroth, second by DeLissa to go with the Ideatek proposal to upgrade the city phone system at a cost of \$1,935.00. Motion carried with all in favor. Proposals to redesign and set up the city website: CivicPlus @ \$7500.00 with a monthly fee of \$150.00. Immense Impact @ \$1653.45 with a monthly fee of \$69.95. Motion by Kroth, seconded by DeLissa to accept the proposal from CivicPlus of \$7,500.00 plus the \$150.00 monthly fee to redesign and set up the city website. Motion carried with all in favor.

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Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Gonzales to grant Leann Kramer a wage increase from \$13.39/hour to \$14.25/hour. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk