

# City Council Minutes

## Meeting date:

Monday, September 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Present were Lance DeLissa, Armando Gonzalez, Brian Kroth and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbi Allison, Tom Kuhns, Joel Watson, Sarah Debnam, Trish Reimer, and Michael Inlow.

Council granted two utility extensions.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Kroth, second by Gonzalez, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Lucas, second by Kroth to approve Building Permit #20019. Motion carried with all in favor. Motion by Kroth, seconded by DeLissa to approve Building Permits #20022 as is, permit # 20020 upon verification of meeting the lot coverage requirements, and permit #20021 contingent upon a garage is built within six months and the storage container is not in the front yard and is removed when the garage is finished. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Gonzales, second by Lucas to approve the bid from Elliott Custom Works of \$650.00 for construction of a plexiglass barrier at the Police Department.

Inlow requested the Council re-consider the "no phone" ordinance. Council discussed it at length and Gonzalez requested Inlow meet with the City Attorney to review it and make some clarifications in the time frame for enforcement.

Cordes has not been able to find a lighted "dip" sign for the dip one block south of the stoplight that would provide flashing 24 hours a day. Cordes and Council discussed other possible options for slowing traffic, but some may require approval from the State since it is on a State Highway. Cordes will get more information and present it at the next meeting. He will also explore some options for improving the visibility of the lines in the safety zones at the stoplight.

Cordes presented Council draft copies with the requested revisions regarding accessory buildings on corner lots and an ordinance addressing the regulation of storage containers. Council reviewed them, approved of the changes, and requested Cordes have the attorney review them.

Cordes told council that the splash pad has been delivered and asked council to consider enhancing the area where it is going to be installed. Possible ideas are adding additional concrete for picnic tables, seeking the donation of approved memorial or business benches, and adding corner poles and stringing lights so the area could be used in the evenings. Council was also asked to consider if they want to install security cameras in the area. There will also need to be a box constructed for the pump.

The city was contacted by a partisan group regarding the possibility of a parade beginning at the Dalton

Gang hideout and ending at the City Park. It would not be on any highways. Council does not regulate gatherings so Cordes will contact them and let them know.

Cordes requested and council approved for overtime when crews are adding the water valves along Meade Center and Highway 54, Meade Center to Belle Meade. This area includes several

businesses so they would like to do it after hours. The lines will need to be drained and they would like to do it all at once. When this is finished the crews will have completed the install of 30 new valves in the Northeast part of the city. Kroth asked if there were a plan to exercise the valves and Cordes stated the city does have an exerciser and the valves are exercised every year.

Well #1 has bearings going out. They have noticed vibration and noise in the motor and there may also be an issue with the shaft. It was drilled in 1936 and the last time any work on the bearings was done on this well was in 1991. Council approved for Layne to come and estimate what will need to be done.

Gleason presented a letter from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas indicating that the Covid statewide stay at home restrictions caused significant restrictions to dental care so the April 2020 dental premium of \$2073.00 were returned.

Motion by Gonzalez, second by DeLissa to renew \$75.00 membership to the Meade High School Booster Club and \$75.00 to Progressive Agricultural Safety Day sponsored by Meade County Conservation District. Motion carried with all in favor.

DeLissa asked Cordes about progress on the cooling tower. Cordes has been getting information, it is not complete yet.

Motion by Lucas, second by DeLissa to enter executive session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of a second party to meet back in this same room in 10 minutes. After executive session, no action was taken.

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

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ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

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Janet Gleason, Clerk