

Meade City Council Minutes
October 28, 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 Tom Kuhns, Michael Inlow, Ann Classen, Fr. Ted Skalsky, Rev. Kent Peck.

One utility extension was given.

Ann Classen presented an overview to the council regarding the Core Community Meade County Program and a request for support. She presented information on the success of this program in many communities which include Greensburg, Pratt, Kingman, Larned, Harper, Augusta, McPherson, Great Bend, Stafford and St. John. Marion and Atwood are beginning this program. It is a joint program of Youth Core Ministries (YCM) and Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas (ESSDACK). The approach is multi-generational, involves the community and has an average 70% success rate of assisting families out of poverty and stabilizing their lives. Gonzales asked what ways they were raising money and Classen responded that they have applied to the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas and are exploring other grant options. She also said that cities, counties, businesses and religious organizations have all assisted in funding this program in some of the other communities so the Meade program is making an appeal to all of these for support. To date the group has commitments of \$11,500.00 in support. The estimated annual cost of the program is \$60,000.00 to 70,000.00 and part of that cost is in 3 part-time employees and materials for the participants. DeLissa asked if this would be a county-wide program and Classen responded yes, anyone in Meade County would be welcome to be a part of the program, but it would be located in Meade. Father Ted commented on the many ways that the school has assisted families, including washing and/or providing clothing to children. Pastor Kent commented that this program is designed to raise families out of poverty and help them become productive members of the community. He is attracted to this program because it is designed to lift people out of poverty and it is not a quick fix. It is a long-term commitment. The cost sounds intimidating but it takes care of administrative fees and curriculum and provides paid positions which provides more stability and permanency for the program in the community. DeLissa commented that he likes the philosophy behind the program and Pastor Kent agreed that it helps the community when families can stop taking from the community and start giving back to it. Council agreed to review the information presented.

Inlow presented the police report. The following trainings were requested and approved by Council:

- Inlow- NCIC Training, Salina
- Clerk—Crisis Intervention-Hutchinson
- All Law Enforcement Staff-Dodge City
- Inlow-CVSA In-Service Garden City

Inlow has begun doing Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections. Mayor asked if there is additional law enforcement on trash and treasure day. Inlow said he would not assign an extra officer unless it were requested. Mayor thought it would be a good idea.

Minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Cordes and Inlow inspected the property located at 509 N. Webb. Progress has been made in some areas but more needs to be finished. Council agreed to give him another 30 days to complete the work. Cordes will send a letter outlining the remaining work to be completed.

Cordes presented the quote from Layne regarding Well #6. Motion by Musgrove, seconded by DeLissa to approve the quote from Layne to repair Well #6 at a cost of \$44,464.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Musgrove, seconded by Gonzales to change the date of the November 11 council meeting to November 12 @ 7:00pm due to the Veteran's Day holiday. Motion carried.

Primrose Oil recommended the oil tanks be treated for microbial bacteria. Council approved for this to be done.

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