

Meade City Council
November 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 Roger Musgrove, Armando Gonzalez, JD Hegwood and Lance DeLissa. Also, present were City Administrator Dean Cordes, City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Tom Kuhns, Bobbi Alison, Kim Stevens, Amy Pippitt, and Roberto Holguin.

Kim Stevens asked the council the following question: "Your constituency just said no to a tax increase that was linked to the proposed wellness center. This council signed an agreement prior to the vote that is now contrary to the mandate of the people. How do you intend to resolve this issue and honor the vote? The agreement, the recreation commission and the future thinking of such agreements?" Even though the vote didn't pass for the mill levy increase the project is still in place. DeLissa stated that the city did not agree to anything if the building is not built. Stevens told the council that providing services to a center would still cost taxpayer dollars. She also stated there were numerous violations that the Attorney General is looking into. She also stated that the city appoints two representatives to the recreation commission and they appoint a third one which means that the city has 50% oversight of the recreation commission and the school district has 50%. DeLissa requested a copy of the agreement that was signed be placed in the council packets for review before the November 25 meeting and Mayor will also request that the City Attorney review it. Stevens requested the council review the collaborative agreement that was signed and listen to the voters.

Amy Pippitt presented information regarding the CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Community Health) program. The purpose of the CATCH program is to connect people with resources and services that allow them to meet their full potential and lead healthy lives. Motion by Hegwood, seconded by Musgrove to give CATCH a \$250.00 donation. Motion carried.

Motion by Musgrove, second by DeLissa to approve appropriations ordinance of \$258,552.42. Motion carried all in favor.

October 28 minutes were approved with one correction by DeLissa to clarify Chief Inlow's statement regarding providing an additional officer on Trash and Treasure Day.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Hegwood to approve building permits 19022 and 19023. Motion carried all in favor.

Cordes updated Council on the progress of developing truck parking near the airport. Cordes will gather more information regarding charges and policies from other cities with similar areas for council to review.

Council discuss with Cordes the options and costs for repairs and upgrades on the cooling tower.

Cordes presented the contract from Hay, Rice and Associates for the 2019 audit. Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Musgrove to approve the 2019 audit at a cost not to exceed \$11,750.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Musgrove, seconded by Hegwood to give employees and the planning committee members their choice of a ham or a turkey for Christmas and a \$150.00 Christmas bonus to all city employees. Motion carried with all in favor.

Gleason presented the health insurance renewal plan from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. Premiums will increase 9.34% for 2020. Blue Cross presented several options but the renewal cost of the current plan would be at the lowest cost to the city.

Motion by DeLissa, seconded by Gonzalez to continue the TASC HRA plan and accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health proposal for employee health coverage for 2020. Motion approved with all in favor.

There were two applications for off-premise beer licenses and one application for an on-premise license. Motion by Hegwood, second by DeLissa to approve the on-premise license for Pizza Hut. Motion carried 3-1, Musgrove-no. Motion by Hegwood, second by DeLissa to approve off-premise license for Meade Thriftway. Motion carried 3-1, Musgrove-no. Motion by Hegwood, second by DeLissa to approve off-premise license for Love's Travel Stop. Motion carried 3-1, Musgrove no.

Cordes gave council an update regarding the repairs on the hangar and the AWOS system at the airport.

Gonzalez motioned council enter into executive session with Cordes and Gleason present for 10 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of the persons to be discussed. Seconded by Musgrove, with all in favor. The open meeting will resume in ten minutes in this same room. After executive session no action was taken.

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After executive session Gonzalez motioned, seconded by Musgrove to approve the merit pay increase of 36 months for Vanderpool and the requested review by Gleason of the merit increases for Officers Wondra and Clerk by the City Treasurer.

Hegwood motioned, seconded by DeLissa to enter into executive session regarding confidential financial data for 10 minutes with all in favor. The open meeting will resume in ten minutes in this same room. 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. Motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Richard Knott, Mayor

Janet Gleason, City Clerk