

City Council Minutes  
December 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by President Lance DeLissa in the absence of Mayor Hegwood. Councilmembers Roberto Holguin, Brian Kroth and George Lucas were in attendance. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Attorney Clay Kuhns arrived at 8:30p.m. Councilmember Gonzalez was absent. Visitors were Bobbi Allison, Tom Kuhns, and Gary Knott.

There was no public comment.

Police Report was tabled due to the absence of Chief Inlow.

Motion by Lucas, seconded by Kroth to approve the Appropriations Ordinance in the amount of \$255,101.09. Motion carried with all in favor.

Minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

There were no building permits.

Council reviewed the November Treasurer report.

Cordes opened bids for the construction of the cooling tower. Bids were to include all labor and materials. Knott Construction \$74,693.00. Labor and materials to construct the tower using galvanized steel and fiberglass decking. Neil Isaac, Isaac Construction, included a letter explaining he would bill time @\$45/hr and materials but could not give a hard quote. WK Construction materials and labor to construct to bid specs: \$48,625.00. There was also a bid from Midwest Machinery \$108,000.00 that did not include labor. Council discussed the pros and cons of galvanized steel or fiberglass. Motion by DeLissa, second by Lucas to accept the bid from WK Construction for \$48,625.00. Kroth abstained, motion carried with all others in favor.

Cordes reported that Ideatek is actively working locally to install internet services to the community of Meade. They are currently installing cable in the alleys and hope to begin connecting to homes in early 2021.

The lighting project at the airport has had weather delays but is about 75% finished.

Ed Hickman worked on the lift station and both pumps are working. It is being checked daily and Cordes is continuing to explore solutions.

Ron Hall, Department of Transportation is planning to attend the January Council meeting if the travel ban is lifted.

Cordes informed council that he has a contract signed by Wes Bainter to Deed Lots 1-17 and Lot 19 of the Bainter Addition to the City of Meade. Bainter has not yet returned the deed. Bainter has paid 5 years of a 20-year bond for this property and has stopped paying the taxes on those lots. He will continue paying on the properties that have buildings but no longer wants the undeveloped properties. Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to accept the contract to deed Lots 1-17 and Lot 19 back to the City of Meade. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes asked Council if they wanted to renew the city's insurance policy with EMC or if he is to get quotes for next year. Kroth felt it would be a good idea to get quotes.

Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas to grant a 1% Cost of Living raise to city employees for 2021. Kroth noted that the city crews have worked hard with all the snow removal and it is appreciated. Cordes noted that city crews were called out at to assist with clearing the highway from the recent snow.

There was discussion that semi's are jake breaking more and speeding more through town. Chief Inlow was not present at the meeting for discussion of this. Cordes will make sure there is signage at the East and West edge of the city limits.

It was the consensus of City Council to cancel the December 28 meeting since some members will be out of town. Motion by Kroth, seconded by Holguin to grant employees December 24 as a bonus day off. Employees required to work that day can take a paid day off on another day and will not be paid at holiday rate of pay. Motion by Holguin, seconded by Lucas to grant employees \$150.00 Christmas bonus. Motion carried with all in favor.

Cordes presented his department overtime report.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth to renew the \$300,000.00 CD at Meade State Bank for 12 months at .65% APY.

The city has a Health Reimbursement Arrangement administrated by TASC. In November TASC upgraded their website and plan arrangements and is now treating the city coverage as three plans and the administrative costs will triple for 2021. There was no advance notice to the city regarding this increase. Kroth motioned, seconded by DeLissa to renew the HRA plan with TASC but change the plan to deductible only with an employer maximum reimbursement of \$900.00 on a single plan and \$1800.00 on a family plan.

Motion by Kroth, second by Lucas, renew the beer license for Pizza Hut retroactive to November 30, 2020. Kroth-yes, Lucas-yes, Holguin-yes, DeLissa-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by DeLissa, second by Kroth, to renew the beer license for Meade Thriftway. Motion carried with all in favor. DeLissa-yes, Kroth-yes, Holguin-yes, Lucas-yes.

Council approved for \$5,401.41 in unpaid utility accounts and \$960.00 in outstanding invoices to be sent to collection with the state set-off program.

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Holguin to hire Tamra Marrs, retroactive to December 1, 2020 as Utility Billing Clerk @ \$14.89/hour.

Motion by DeLissa for a 3-minute executive session in consultation for attorney-client communications to meet back in this same room. Seconded by Kroth. Motion carried. After executive session no action was taken.

Motion by DeLissa for a 10-minute executive session in consultation for attorney-client communications to meet back in this same room. Seconded by Kroth. Motion carried. After executive session no action was taken.

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

ATTEST:

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J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

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Janet Gleason, Clerk