

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, December 05, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Clifford Baughman, Richard Weixelman, William Ditto, Michele Jacobs and Mayor Thomas Beem.

Also present were the City Manager, Stacie Eichem, City Clerk, Shanda Jahnke, City Treasurer, Leslie Dugan and City Attorney, Jake Pugh.

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held November 21, 2023. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk then submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1682. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1682. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be December 19, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Chrysler House Update:

Stacie reminded the Governing Body that at the previous meeting they had authorized her to get estimates and have the house formally known as the Chrysler House, demolished in the amount of up to \$6,000. The lowest estimate was given by Midwest Concrete Materials in the amount of \$6,500. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the demolition of the house formerly known as the Chrysler House in the amount of \$6,500. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Loose Fire Equipment:

This was tabled from the previous meeting so the fire chief could make his recommendations. It was Chief Stultz and the City Manager's recommendation to accept all equipment except the Scott air packs from Weis Fire and Safety in the amount of \$29014.86 and the Scott air packs from Feld Fire in the amount of \$27357.28. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve both purchases as recommended by the City Manager and Chief Stultz. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Water Well Capacity:

The City Manager advised that an agreement had been received from Olsson for a water capacity study and new well location recommendation in the amount of \$27,000. Due to the amount of water being used currently and our potential for growth, it was her recommendation to have the study completed. She also advised that the treasurer is currently working on multiple grants that might impact the water and sewer growth. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve the agreement with Olsson contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Utility Rate Review:

Stacie advised that after reviewing the utility rates, an increase was needed and hopefully beginning next year the rate changes could be staggered.

Ordinance No. 1797 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING PARAGRAPHS 15-208 THROUGH 15-214 AND 15-216 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLIED TO CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS, AND FOR SPACE LIGHTING; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES 1610, 1725, 1768, 1776, 1782 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve Ordinance No. 1797 contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye:4, Nay:1, Commissioner Weixelman voting against.

Ordinance No. 1798 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING PARAGRAPHS 15-437, 15-438 AND 15-440, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING NEW MONTHLY CHARGES FOR USE OF THE WASTEWATER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1784 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve Ordinance No. 1798 contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Ordinance No. 1799 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING PARAGRAPH 15-306 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING NEW CHARGES FOR WATER OBTAINED FROM THE CITY OF WAMEGO MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1783 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem, to approve Ordinance No. 1799 contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Prairie Paws Shelter Agreement:

The City Manager advised that at the end of December Prairie Paws Animal Shelter in Ottawa will be taking over the management of T. Russel Reitz, which is who the city currently contracts with for stray dogs, that contract will end December 24th. She has spoken with Prairie Paws, the agreement with them would be for one-year at a cost of \$7,500, this would include housing stray dogs, citizen surrender and drop offs with the possibility of adding more services in the future. It would be her recommendation to move forward with the agreement with Prairie Paws contingent upon City Attorney review. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve the agreement with Prairie Paws in the amount of \$7,500 contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Speed Limit Ordinance:

Stacie advised that an ordinance had been drafted changing the speed limits in the residential areas of town to follow the speed study recommendations. After a brief discussion, by general consensus the issue was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Recreation Complex Safety Netting Proposal:

The City Manager reported three proposals had been received for netting at the complex, however after speaking with the pyro crew, the required poles would be an issue during the firework show. It was her recommendation to reject all proposals, Commissioner Weixelman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Aquatic Center Update:

Stacie advised that the aquatic center had not changed prices since it opened, and the outdoor prices had not increased since before the aquatic center was constructed. It would be her recommendation to leave the indoor memberships and entry fees the same but increase the outdoor fees from \$4 to \$5 for an entry, \$30 to \$40 for a punch pass and \$55 to \$60 for a season pass. Commissioner Weixelman moved to accept the recommended changes; Commissioner Beem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5. Nay:0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager reported that library project change order #33 has been received in a credit amount of \$1514.13. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to accept change order #33 in the credit amount of \$1514.13. Motion carried. Aye:5. Nay:0.

A change order for Scenic Ridge had been received for a change in sidewalk elevation due to storm drainage in the amount of \$4,500. Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the change order for Scenic Ridge in the amount of \$4,500. Motion carried. Aye:5. Nay:0.

Stacie advised a purchase request had been received for new equipment for the police vehicles due to keeping an older unit, the amount of the equipment and installation from Superior Emergency Response in the amount of \$13649.43. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the additional equipment in the amount of \$13649.43. Motion carried. Aye:5. Nay:0.

City Manager and Other Reports:

All of the departments are doing great, with two officers going to the academy soon.

City sales tax is up 6% and County sales tax is up 3%

At this time, Commissioner Weixelman moved to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and potential acquisition of property, the meeting would reconvene at 6:50 P.M. Commissioner Beem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The meeting reconvened.

At this time, Commissioner Weixelman moved to adjourn into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and the meeting would reconvene at 6:55 P.M. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The meeting reconvened.

At this time, Commissioner Weixelman moved to adjourn into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and the meeting would reconvene at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The meeting reconvened.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk