

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Michele Jacobs, Clifford Baughman and Richard Weixelman. Mayor Thomas Beem. Absent: Commission William Ditto.

Also present were City Manager, Stacie Eiche, 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 March 21, 2023. After a 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: 4, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk then submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1666. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1666. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be April 18, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Several of the USD 320 high school Scholars Bowl participants were recognized by the Governing Body for their participation in ten (10) tournaments and placing fifth in the State competition.

Audra Evans, Planning Commission chair, presented the annual update for the Planning Commission. Audra gave the Governing Body a list of items that were addressed in 2022. The Governing Body thanked all of the members for their time and dedication.

Dorothy McNinch was present to give an annual report for the board of Zoning Appeals, she advised that the BZA met only a few times in 2022 and she gave a listing of their reviews. The Governing Body thanked all of the members for their time and dedication.

Dog Park Review:

This item was tabled until the next regular meeting at the request of the City Manager.

Arbor Day Proclamation:

Mayor Beem proclaimed April 28, 2023 Arbor Day in the City of Wamego

National Therapy Animal Day Proclamation:

Mayor Beem proclaimed April 30, 2023 National Therapy Animal Day in the City of Wamego.

2022 Comprehensive Plan:

Ordinance No. 1790 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS AMENDING CHAPTER XVI, ZONING AND PLANNING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 8 AND APPENDIXES A AND B OF THE DOCUMENT KNOWN AS “THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN – 2022 EDITION,” PURSUANT TO KSA-12-747; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve Ordinance No. 1790. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Ordinance No. 925:

Ordinance No. 1791 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, REPEALING CITY OF WAMEGO ORDINANCE NO. 925, THE SAME ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS FOR TRUCK ROUTES IN THE CITY OF WAMEGO; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve Ordinance No. 1791. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Board Appointment – Housing Authority:

Mayor Beem appointed Dana Wethington to the Wamego Library Board with a term ending May 30, 2027 to fill Claudia McAlister’s term expiring April 30, 2023.

Project Updates:

The City Manager advised that change order number 3 had been received for the Plum Street project in the amount of \$53,500. This change order encompassed several items. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem to approve change order number 3. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Stacie advised that work order number 10 had been received from Olsson for the airport grant project in the amount of \$70,000, however the City of Wamego’s portion would be \$3,500 with the other portion being paid through the grants. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve Olsson work order number 10. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The City Manager advised that there will be more change orders coming for the library as issues are uncovered.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager:

The City Manager reported all departments are doing great, several of the electric distribution crew took bucket trucks to the Kansas Gas Service storywalk event at the complex on April 2nd. Community Day in the park had a good turnout despite the cool temperatures, the train will not run during the tulip festival for safety reasons.

The Easter Egg hunt will be on April 8th at 10am and the Tulip Festival will be held on April 15th and 16th.

Sales tax was up 7% for the County and 10.7% for the City.

At this time, Commissioner Baughman moved to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for matters of attorney-client privilege and that the meeting would reconvene at 6:40 P.M. Commissioner Beem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The meeting reconvened.

No further business appearing, meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk