

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Clifford Baughman, William Ditto and Richard Weixelman. Mayor Thomas Beem. Absent: Commissioner Michele Jacobs.

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

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held April 04, 2023. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Ditto 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. 1667. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1667. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be May 02, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Dog Park Review:

Christine Chainey was present to discuss city participation in the proposed dog park that the Girl Scouts had been raising funds for several years. At this time, Christine requested a definitive answer as to if the City of Wamego was going to donate land and maintain a dog park facility. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Beem moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to not participate in a city owned or maintained dog park. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0. All commissioners present expressed the regret in not participating in the dog park but all felt this was the best decision.

Fair Housing Proclamation:

Mayor Beem proclaimed April to be fair housing month in the City of Wamego.

Blower Project Final Documents:

The City Manager advised that the final documents had been received for the blower project at the wastewater treatment plant that had been procured by a state revolving loan. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to accept the final blower project documents. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Board Appointment – Library:

Mayor Beem re-appointed Claudia Leeds to the Wamego Library Board with term expiring April 30, 2027.

Project Updates:

Stacie advised that county traffic signal project signage was changed to say the Hwy 24 lanes were closing April 25th but the actual project started on April 17th.

Change order number 4 had been received for the Plum Street project in the amount of \$27,182.50 and encompasses several items. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem to approve change order number 4. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Stacie also advised of a change order resulting in a credit of \$512.26 for the waterline project. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman, to accept the credit change order in the amount of \$512.26. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The City Manager requested permission to purchase 1200 tons of gravel for the new city shop not to exceed \$24,000. Commissioner Baughman moved to approve the purchase of gravel not to exceed \$24,000.00 Commissioner Weixelman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Stacie advised that the original motion to approve Tantalus did not include the 1st year annual fee not to exceed \$16,000. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the annual Tantalus fee not to exceed \$16,000. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The City Manager advised that the cost to change out the streetlights on Lincoln Avenue to LED would be close to \$16,000 but there were discounts that hadn't been included yet, therefore she requested approval to spend up to \$16,000. Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commission Baughman to approve the purchase of LED lights for Lincoln Avenue up to \$16,000.00. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager:

Stacie commended all departments for their hard work for the Tulip Festival, she also advised that there were still openings in the street, water and police departments.

Stacie reminded the Governing Body of the annual league conference in October.

At this time, Commissioner Baughman moved to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes for matters of attorney-client privilege and confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships that the meeting would reconvene at 6:40 P.M. Commissioner Weixelman 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