

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 07, 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, Richard Weixelman and William Ditto. Mayor Thomas Beem. Absent: None

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 February 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: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk then submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1664. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1664. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be March 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Phil Stultz and several members of the Wamego Fire Department were present to recognize retiring Assistant Chief James Kennedy after 23 years of service, Mayor Beem presented James with a plaque.

March for Meals Proclamation:

Mayor Beem proclaimed March for Meals month.

City Website:

The City Manager advised that this issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

2022 Year End Transfers:

Stacie reported the list of 2022 year end transfers were scheduled as follows with approval from the auditor.

From the General Fund:

\$35,000 to Equipment Reserve

\$585,000 to Capital Improvement Reserve

\$10,000 to Fire Reserve

\$500,870 to Bond and Interest

From Electric \$600,000 to General Fund

From Electric \$200,000 to Electric Reserve

From Water \$75,000 to Water Reserve

From Wastewater \$50,000 to Wastewater Reserve

From Special Highway \$25,000 to Special Highway Reserve

From Storm Water \$100,000 to Storm Water Reserve

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to approve the transfers contingent upon auditor approval. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

KMEA Board of Directors:

The City Manager reported that the two positions on the KMEA Board of Directors, currently held by herself and Casey Frisbie were expiring. She advised that they both would like to be re-appointed. Commissioner Beem moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to re-appoint Stacie Eichem and Casey Frisbie to the KMEA Board of Directors. Motion Carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Columbian Theatre Renovation Project:

Stacie advised that she had three proposals from BHS for requested renovations at the Columbian Theatre. It would be her recommendation to approve the first proposal in the amount of \$13,801.08 that would encompass several items including painting but to wait on the others due to a bigger renovation project to be completed later. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman to approve the proposal in the amount of \$13,801.08. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Project Updates:

Stacie advised that the waterline project was almost complete but 4th Street from Poplar to Walnut would be closing later this week for three (3) weeks for the completion of the project.

The City Manager advised that the digger truck previously approved had an increase of \$7,100 for a surcharge on the chassis that was an add-on. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the additional cost for the digger truck chassis. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported that in the original contracts for the library project, three (3) Olsson contracts were approved and then broken out for the City to pay Olsson direct. Those contracts were Olsson work order number 6, in the amount of \$10,650, work order 7 amendment 1 in the amount of \$5,300 and work order 7 amendment 2 in the amount of \$12,415. As a matter of procedure, these need to re-approved. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the three (3) Olsson contracts in the total amount of \$28,365. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0, with Commissioner Weixelman abstaining.

The City Manager advised multiple change orders had been received for the library project, if all change orders were approved the project will be over budget. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve change order #4 in the amount of \$10,552.33. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman to approve library project change order #12 in the amount of \$2,787. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Grant Updates:

Stacie then advised that conversations had started with Diane at Olsson for the two airport grants and that Diane would come to a future meeting for commission input. The City wouldn't find out the outcome of the three base grants applications until the end of the month. Stacie is working with Olsson on connecting link grants and the treasurer was working on more grants for the fire and police departments.

Department Updates:

All City departments are working hard. Maggie Strait would be coming on full time in June as the Recreation Director. The parks department is continuing to work on the fields at the Recreation Complex. The indoor pool is now open at 6am and advertising for summer lifeguards. The police department has two officers graduating from KLETC next week. The fire department voted Shane Geddry into an assistant chief position and the public works departments are slowly moving into the new shop.

She also advised that the police department elevator is having issues and will need to be addressed at a future meeting.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager:

Employee appreciation will be held March 17th at the Columbian Theatre.

Community Day in the park will be held March 26th between 2-4pm

No further business appearing, meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk