

**Regular Meeting:**

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, June 20, 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 and Michele Jacobs. Mayor Thomas Beem.

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 June 06, 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: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk then submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1671. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1671. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Public Comments and Communications:**

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday the next regular work session will be July 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

**Chamber of Commerce requests:**

Tegan Kreider was present to request the additional closure of Ash Street from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets for the annual Oztoberfest. The remainder of the event would close all other streets as they have in the past, Lincoln Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Streets, 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the west and east of Lincoln Avenue. She advised that the car show would be moving to the 400 and 500 blocks of Lincoln, they were still working on the overflow plan but thought it would encompass 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Tegan then requested permission to host the Porches on Poplar event on Poplar Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Streets again but allowing the wine and beer samples to taken off private property to allow the participants to walk from porch to porch. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the additional street closure for the Oztoberfest and Porches on Poplar event while allowing the samples to be carried off private property. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Audit Management Letter:**

Mayor Beem signed the audit management letter with Russell Shipley, Shipley CPA, for the 2023 audit.

**2022 Audit Presentation:**

Russell Shipley, Shipley CPA, was present to give the annual audit presentation. He explained that the city had a clean 2022 audit. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to accept the 2022 Audit. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Lincoln Street Station Request:**

The City Manager advised a request had been made from Lincoln Street Station to allow amplified music until 11 pm on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual event at their location on Lincoln Avenue. Commissioner Beem moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the extension for amplified music on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0, Commissioner Ditto abstained.

**UCI Contract Renewal:**

Stacie reported that the contract for drug screening was up for renewal. After review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem to approve the contract with UCI. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Project Updates:**

The City Manager reported that a public meeting had been held for the upcoming street project with good participation from the citizens. The project will begin in August on Vine and Chestnut Streets, cross streets will be completed as the project allows. She also advised that Wildcat Tree Service had offered to honor the price of tree removal for the remainder of the project as they charged with the previous tree removal for the project. Commissioner Ditto moved to contract with Wildcat Tree Service at the discounted rate for the remainder of the project. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The traffic signal at Columbian Road and Highway 24 is fully functional as of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Stacie is waiting for documentation from the County as to why it was not completed until after the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Stacie advised that the final change order for the Plum Street project had been received for a decrease of \$24,634.05. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to accept the final change order for Plum Street. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Manager advised that even though the airport grants had been discussed at previous meetings, it was time for an official acceptance and signatures. The Planning portion of the airport grant would be in the amount of \$66,500 and the apron and taxi way grant would be in the amount of \$468,000. Commissioner Baughman moved to accept the airport grants; Commissioner Weixelman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported that after additional holiday lights being added to the pool, differing footage estimates and the price differences, a change order had been received in the amount of \$18440.70. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded Commissioner Weixelman to approve the Holiday Custom Light change order in the amount of \$18440.70. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

All of the City departments are doing well, with the Public Works Director celebrating his 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary with the city.

The City Manager had a former teacher from MATC commend our electric distribution and power plant for some of their recent work. There was a city-wide electric outage this week and the power plant ran and got the City residents back online.

The streets and park departments are prepping for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

The wastewater plant that was inspected by KDHE was found to be in good standing. The police department currently has 3 openings for officers.

The recreation and aquatic departments are doing well with summer activities. The indoor pool will be closed from July 1 through July 9<sup>th</sup> for repairs and cleaning. There is 1 opening in street department.

The City of Wamego will be providing meals for emergency personnel during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

Friends of the Park and the City of Wamego is hosting a dedication for the new pickleball and basketball courts on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 530 p.m.

At this time, Commissioner Baughman moved to adjourn into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships and matters of non-elected personnel and that the meeting would reconvene at 6:53 P.M. Commissioner Beem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk