

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, September 19, 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 Mayor Thomas Beem. Michele Jacobs was absent.

Also present were the City Manager, Stacie Eichen, 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 September 05, 2023. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Beem 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. 1677. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1677. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be October 03, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Patrick Burch was present to address a letter he had received regarding a sidewalk deferral on a property he purchased. He presented the Governing Body with information regarding the sidewalk deferral from the county attached to the property prior to his purchase of the property. After a brief discussion, more research would be done, and the City Manager would reach out to him on possible resolutions to the issue.

Riley County Opioid Fund Request:

The City Manager advised that the Governing Body had approved a request by Riley County for \$1500 for opioid education, however the requested dollar amount had been lowered but was still not set. The City Manager requested the authority to pay Riley County up to \$1500 after a set amount was established. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem, to authorize the City Manager to pay the requested amount once established up to \$1500. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

KDOT Connecting Link Improvement Project (CCLIP):

Stacie reported that the city had applied for two grants through the KDOT Connecting Link Improvement Project with one application being accepted. The project would be a \$650,000 grant to resurface the area on Lincoln Avenue between Valley Street and the bridge, the city's portion would be 5% of the total. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to move forward with the grant process. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Standard Traffic Ordinance No. 1793:

Ordinance No. 1793 was presented as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING PARAGRAPH 14-101 OF CHAPTER XIV. TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "2023 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 50th EDITION"; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Weixelman moved seconded by Commissioner Ditto to approve Ordinance No. 1793. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Office Code Ordinance No. 1794:

Ordinance No. 1794 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING PARAGRAPH 11-101 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "2023 UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 39th EDITION", AMENDING SAID UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE TO RETAIN A PROHIBITION UPON SELLING, GIVING OR FURNISHING CIGARETTES OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO A PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1778, AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve Ordinance No. 1794. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Rail Safety Week Proclamation:

Mayor Beem proclaimed the week of September 18th through September 24th rail safety week in the City of Wamego.

Dollar Tree:

The City Manager advised that Dollar Tree representatives had sent a sample letter stating that the City of Wamego would not oppose the building and opening of a Dollar Tree store in the city. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve sending the letter contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Crysler House:

Stacie requested authorization to work with the City Attorney to advertise for sealed bids to remove the house known as the Chrysler House on the intersection of Highway 24 and Highway 99. She reminded the Governing Body that the house had been moved with the intention of possibly turning it into a visitors center several years ago but parking and the origin of the house halted the project. The land must be given back to the State or be used publicly and cannot be sold. Her plan would be to have the house removed in November, so the lot could be used for additional Christmas decorations while the Convention of Visitors Board works with the Chamber on ideas for the area. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman, to approve Stacie working with the City Attorney on sealed bids. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager reported that the safe driving coalition had met with good results. The yield signs at 5th and 6th Streets had been changed to stop signs. Olsson had started the speed study throughout town. The street project would remain on Vine until completed and then move to Chestnut Street possibly in January. The library will be closed for a couple of weeks in November to allow the staff to move from the old library to the new portion of the library. Stacie is waiting for a change order for the library.

There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on September 29th at the hospital at 8am.

City Manager and Other Reports:

The recreation department lost the football team as officials for flag football but now has a couple of K-State players officiating for them. It has been very positive. The aquatic center staff will be managed by the Recreation Director year-round. The public works department will be working together for the parade, closing the streets from 12pm -2pm. The police department has hired a full-time officer and is in the process of filling the last couple of full-time positions.

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The 2nd week of October is Fire Safety Week.

The annual floodplain update and KS Government Journal were passed out at the meeting.

At this time, Commissioner Baughman moved to adjourn into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships, Attorney-Client privilege and matters of non-elected personnel and that the meeting would reconvene at 6:45 P.M. Commissioner Beem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk