

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Clifford Baughman, Michelle Jacobs, William Ditto and Mayor Thomas Beem. Richard Weixelman was absent.

Also present were the City Manager, Stacie Eichem, Deputy City Clerk, Ashley Mueting, and City Treasurer, Leslie Dugan.

The City Clerk then submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1678. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1678. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be October 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Henry Drive Sidewalk:

The City Manager explained to the commissioners that the vacant lots on Henry Drive have not had sidewalks installed yet causing residents to walk in the road. Stacie spoke with City Attorney, Jake Pugh, he advised that the original sidewalk agreement detailing the date of sidewalk completion was attached to the title so the purchaser would be aware of that requirement. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to send a letter to the property owners giving them until March 31st, 2024, to put in the sidewalks. Motion carried. Aye:4, Nay:0.

MIH Grant:

David Renberg addressed the commission asking for the city to reapply for the MIH Grant for Cornerstone Developers. He stated that last year he was not chosen for the grant due to Wamego already receiving the grant the previous period.

Resolution No. 20231003 was presented and read as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY FOR A MODERATE HOUSING (MIH) GRANT FROM THE KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION TO FINANCE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN THE LINCOLN CORSSING SUBDIVISION; AND DOCUMENTING SUPPORT OF SAID APPLICATION

Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve resolution 20231003. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Signal analysis Agreement:

The City Manager advised that a need for a stop light at Highway 24 and Balderson Boulevard/Walsh Road has been brought to the City's attention due to the truck route now being complete. She advised that a traffic study would need to be conducted and Olsson would be the contract to complete the study. Commissioner Baughman moved seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the agreement between the City and Olsson for \$10,300 to perform the traffic study. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

KMEA Service Agreement:

Stacie advised the commissioners that the city would need to purchase new substation transformers that would need certain specifications. KMEA Mid-States would develop the specifications and evaluate bids from transformer vendors.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve KMEA Service Agreement not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Tax Abatement Request:

Prairieland Partners is requesting a tax abatement for construction of a new 25,000 square foot building that would create approximately 10 jobs for the community. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to schedule a public hearing. Motion carried. Aye:4, Nay:0

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager reported that a change order in the amount of \$16,840 had been received after storm drainage had been reviewed for the Scenic Ridge subdivision. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the change order in the amount of \$16,840. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The City Manager reported that a change order for a credit in the amount of \$238,125.60 had been received after storm drainage had been reviewed for the street project. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the credit change order in the amount of \$238,125.60. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported that she had received four change orders for the library project. The first is for drywall repair in the amount of \$1646.00. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve change order. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The second one is a credit change order in the amount of \$363.75 for changing flooring from tile to LVT. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the credit change order. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Third is a change order for \$1852.06 to add heavy wire mesh to the concrete on the west side of the building due to vehicle traffic. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the change order. Motion carried. Aye:4, Nay:0.

Last is a change order for \$29,565 to change flooring in the basement from carpet to LVT. Commissioner Ditto moved to decline the change order, seconded by Commissioner Baughman. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay:0.

Purchase Request:

Stacie advised that Wildcat Tree Service would keep their agreement with the city to remove trees for the street project for \$672.00 a tree. There are 16 trees in the 600-800 block of Vine and on 7th Street from Vine to Spruce that need to be removed, a total cost of \$10,752.00. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve Wildcat Tree Service remove the trees. Motion Carried. Aye:4, Nay:0.

City Manager and Other Reports:

The City Manager advised that October 4, 2023, from 9-11 the city is hosting Coffee with a Cop at Iron Clad from 9-11am. The fire department will have fire trucks at the Recreation Complex on Sunday, October 8, 2023, to start Fire Safety Week. The fire department Auxiliary will be presenting the new book for the story walk in support of Fire Safety Week. The fire department also plans to take the truck to a few local daycares next week.

The homecoming parade was well organized and had a great outcome. All the departments worked together to close the streets and get them opened back up as soon as possible after the parade.

City sales tax is up 4% and the County sales tax is up 1% from this time last year.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk