

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, October 17, 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, Michele Jacobs and Mayor Thomas Beem.

Also present were the City Manager, Stacie Eichem, City Clerk, Shanda Jahnke and City Treasurer, Leslie Dugan

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held October 03, 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. 1679. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1679. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be November 07, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Members of the Wamego high school student council were present to thank the Governing Body for allowing the homecoming parade and bonfire. Jenni Ebert was present to thank the Governing Body for partnering with Riley County for the opioid awareness program. She has been hired to help educate students in Pottawatomie, Riley and Geary counties on the dangers of opioid abuse. She hopes to come back at a future date to speak more in depth on the subject.

PrairieLand Tax Abatement:

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body of the special meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023 regarding this request.

Music Studio Parking Request:

Chelsea Coon and her contractor were present to request permission to change the parking spaces on Elm Street to accommodate the parking requirements for her proposed music academy. A new plan was given to the commissioners that showed the parking spaces straight instead of parallel or angled. After a brief discussion, it was decided that they would come back to the November 7th meeting for more discussion. The delay would allow additional time for Olsson and city staff to review the new plans.

ROW (Right-of-way) Trees:

Stacie reminded the Governing Body of their request to have more information regarding street trees (trees in the city right-of-way). She explained that by ordinance street trees are allowed with permission and following the recommended list of allowable trees.

Employee Health Benefit:

The City Manager advised the annual renewal for the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan had been received with a decrease of eight and half percent (8.5%) on medical and a five percent (5%) increase on dental. It was the City Manager's recommendation to accept the renewal, she also advised of the potential of offering flexible spending with more information in November. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to accept the Blue Cross Blue shield renewal. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Patrol Rifle Price Quotes:

The City Manager requested all quotes be rejected and a more specific request would be sent out. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to reject all rifle quotes. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Chrysler House Bids:

Stacie advised one bid had been received for the removal of the Chrysler House, the bid was for \$100. The bid was for the house to be moved within 30 days. Commissioner Jacobs moved to accept the bid to move the house, Commissioner Beem seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager reported that the street project is going well. Change orders for the library project are listed below:

Change order #24 in the amount of \$1061.20 for the bike rack, bollards and curbing issues behind the library. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve change order #24. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #25 in the amount of \$1852.06 for the wire mesh in the concrete, this was previously approved prior to input from the engineer and staff recommendation, and they recommended to disregard. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman to reject change order #25. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #28 in the amount of \$2141.63 for the fire alarm in the elevator area. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem to approve change order #28. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #29 in the amount of \$9844.00 for underlayment on the main floor. Commissioner Ditto moved to approve change order #29 for the underlayment underneath the LVT only, not the total amount of \$9844.00. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #30 in the amount of \$29565.00 for LVT in lieu of carpet was rejected on 10/3/2023.

Change order #31 in the amount of \$0.00 is for the removal of the ramp explanation and will not be accepted until further information is given.

Change order #32 in the amount of \$7628.00 for LVT in the meeting room, it was recommended by the City Manager to wait on this. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman to deny this change order. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #33 in the amount of \$814.13 in credit for the unused condenser units. Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve change order #33. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

City Manager and Other Reports:

All city departments are working well, we are still hiring for the parks, police department and seasonal recreation officials. Stacie advised that the city received the gold star with our workman's compensation carrier for a 5% savings of the annual premiums.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk