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January 2, 2024

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, January 02, 2024, 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.

The City Manager, Stacie Eichem, City Clerk, Shanda Jahnke, City Treasurer, Leslie Dugan and City Attorney, Jake Pugh were also present.

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held December 19, 2023. After 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. 1684. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1684. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be January 16, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Highland Community College Wine Festival Request:

The City Manager advised that she had met with city staff and Scott Kohl regarding the requested wine festival. Scott reiterated that Highland Community College would be the main sponsor with this event being a fundraiser for the college. The City Manager reported that according to staff it would take approximately 59 staff man hours to set up the event. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman, to approve the request for a wine festival in the city park on May 11, 2024, from 1-5pm with Highland paying the city's expense to set up the event. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 1, Commissioner Ditto.

Resolution No. 20240102 – GAAP Waiver:

Stacie Eichem presented Resolution No 20240102 regarding the GAAP Waiver to allow the city to be on a cash basis. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution 20240102. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Flint Hills Regional Membership:

The City Manager advised that the annual membership for the Flint Hills Regional membership for 2024 is in the amount of \$4,356.90. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the membership amount of \$4,356.90. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Board Resignation:

The Governing Body unanimously accepted Dwight Faulkner's resignation from the hospital board.

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Board Appointment:

Mayor Beem appointed Tom Fulmer to the Wamego Hospital Board.

Contract Review:

The City Attorney advised the Governing Body that he had drafted an employment contract for the City Manager. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the employment contract with the City Manager contingent upon the City Attorney's final review. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that the street project and Scenic Ridge were in progress and moving along without issue. The children's library is open, and demolition is beginning in the old part of the front of the building. Library change orders were presented as follows:

Change order #39 for elevator pit water proofing was presented in the amount of \$1060, however it was the City Manager's recommendation to approve the change order in the amount of \$500 due to an increase due to a significant time lapse by the contractor. Commissioner Weixelman moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve change order #39 in the amount of \$500. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #41 for changing table returns was presented in the credit amount of \$2036.49. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve change order #41. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #31 for not installing the ramp was presented in the credit amount of \$1620.00. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve change order #31. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Change order #40 was presented for hours and a stair enclosure not included on change order #21 in the amount of \$418. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to reject change order #40. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported that the indoor pool was closed for power washing due to the staining of the floor with plans to reopen on Monday, January 8th. The recreation department is utilizing the school gym space with youth open gym time with recreation supervision.

The city sales tax is up 4% and the county sales tax is up 2% from this time last year.

The Flint Hills Leadership Retreat will be held in Manhattan on January 19th and the annual Chamber dinner will be held on January 27th. Stacie reported there will not be an Agriculture Appreciation night this year and it will only be held every other year due to one of the hosting businesses dropping out.

The KS Government Journal was given at the meeting and the Housing Authority Minutes were included in the meeting packet.

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At this time, Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and the meeting would reconvene at 6:35 P.M. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The meeting reconvened.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Richard Weixelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk