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Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 05, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Dwight Faulkner, William Ditto, Michele Jacobs and Mayor Richard Weixelman. Absent: Clifford Baughman

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 February 20, 2024. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Faulkner and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

At this time, Commissioner Baughman joined the meeting.

The City Clerk submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1688. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1688. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be March 19, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Library Annual Update:

Darci Hildebrand was present with several members of the Friends of the Library and the Library Board to give the annual Wamego Library Board update. Darci advised that the newly renovated children's library has been being used regularly. Even with the renovation project, the library has stayed very busy with the interlibrary partnerships helping with book loans. They are excited for the renovation to be completed within the next few weeks. The Governing Body thanked Darci, the Board and Friends of the Library for their time and dedication.

Concessions Proposal:

Stacie Eichem reported that the proposal for the recreation complex concessions presented at the previous meeting, had been presented as the same as the previous years but had an addition. The proposal was from Friendship House with the same terms including the ten percent (10%) they pay the City of Wamego, however not including any days that the gross revenue is less than three hundred dollars (\$300). Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to accept the Friendship House proposal. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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Tulip Festival Request:

Tegan Kreider was present to request approval for the beer/wine tent in the park for the annual Tulip Festival. The tent would be located near the bandstand. She also advised that she was hoping to have 190 vendors this year. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulker, to approve the beer/wine tent for Tulip Festival. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Olsson Agreement:

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body of the CCLIP grant that the city had been awarded for the pavement restoration from the KS River Bridge to Valley Street. She received an agreement work order from Olsson for management, design and inspection services for the grant project in the amount of \$85,575. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve the agreement. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Development Agreement:

Stacie Eichem advised that two lots on Say Road west of the middle school were in the process of being developed. At this time, she requested authorization to move forward working with the City Attorney to finalize a development agreement to include utility easements, drainage, utilities, as well as working with Pottawatomie County on an inspection agreement due to the properties being allowed septic tanks. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman, to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize a development agreement for two Say Road properties. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

March for Meals Proclamation:

Mayor Weixelman proclaimed March for Meals month.

2023 Year End Transfers:

Stacie reported the list of 2023 year end transfers were scheduled, the auditor had already reviewed and approved the following list.

From the General Fund:

 \$50,000 to Equipment Reserve
 \$900,000 to Capital Improvement Reserve
 \$50,000 to Fire Reserve

From Electric \$600,000 to General Fund

From Electric \$100,000 to Electric Reserve

From Water \$70,000 to Water Reserve

From Water \$100,000 to General Fund

From Wastewater \$50,000 to Wastewater Reserve

From Special Highway \$45,249 to Special Highway Reserve

From Storm Water \$89,000 to Storm Water Reserve

Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the transfers. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that Chestnut from 6th Street to 8th Street will be closed soon and Vine Street is scheduled to re-open by summer. The MRI project should be wrapping up in April. The library is nearing completion, however, have more change orders.

Library change order #45 was presented, however the City Manager had requested further information from the contractor. This change order will come back to a later meeting.

Library change order #46 was presented in the amount of \$4,241.70 in reference to sub-floor issues. Commission Jacobs moved to approve change order #46, Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Library change order #47 was presented in the amount of \$962.32 for an electric box, this is replacing a box that will not fit in the designated area. The City of Wamego will retain the incorrect item. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve change order #47. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Library change order #43 was presented in the amount of \$15,120 for the roof drains not originally accounted for. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Weixelman to approve change order #43. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

Stacie advised that she was requesting a change order in the amount of \$28,000 plus freight for the Tantalus meter reading system. This amount would include a few different electric meters and water meter cables that hadn't been accounted for. The freight charges have varied throughout the project. She also advised that there will be credits at the end of the project on the software side that she will report on at the end of the project. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the additional funds as requested. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The City Manager advised that Sargent Drillings works with city staff on the wells, during an inspection, it was discovered that chemical storage needed addressed with a couple of other items, this maintenance and repair was quoted as \$19,425. She then advised that similarly the power plant works with Innomotics on engine maintenance and repair, the current purchase order for the plant is in the amount of \$36,165. These items are considered routine and are budgeted for. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulker to approve both purchases. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

All departments are doing well with the recreation and aquatic departments getting ready for summer, two officers will be completing the full-time academy within the next couple of months with another officer in the process of hiring. Currently we are working on adding three additional staff members to the street department.

City sales tax is down 3% and the County sales tax is down 12%

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Stacie advised that the library board had voted to change their meeting nights to the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6pm, at the senior citizen center until the library project has been completed.

At this time, Commissioner Weixelman moved to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss Attorney-Client privilege with potential litigation, the regular meeting would reconvene at 7:00 P.M. with no further action. Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The meeting reconvened.

At this time, Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss Attorney-Client privilege with potential litigation, the regular meeting would reconvene at 7:10 P.M. with no further action. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Richard Weixelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk