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Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 19, 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, Clifford Baughman, Michele Jacobs, and Mayor Richard Weixelman.

The City Manager, Stacie Eichen, 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 March 05, 2024. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1689. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1689. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be April 2, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Chamber Membership:

Jessa Peterson, Chamber Director, was present to request that the city increase their annual membership back to \$10,000 from \$6,000 last year. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Faulker moved to increase the annual chamber membership to \$10,000, Commissioner Weixelman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Columbian Theatre Update:

Clint Stueve, Columbian Theatre Executive Director, was present to thank the Governing Body for the support that the city gives the Columbian. After a brief history of the Columbian, he advised that they were looking for ways to re-vitalize the theatre. Casey Hartwich then advised that she was looking at ways to bring in more visitors downtown. She then explained that there will be a booth at the Tulip Festival with unique locally produced items that will hopefully go into the Columbian gift shop area, in the form of Glinda's the Good Shoppe, and urged the commissioners to see the booth.

Sidewalk Master Plan:

The City Manager advised that the Planning Commission had unanimously passed the sidewalk master plan in the comprehensive plan. The sidewalk master plan sets a foundation for grant applications and is in conjunction with the Flint Hills Metropolitan Organization. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the sidewalk master plan. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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Comprehensive Plan Ordinance No. 1801:

Ordinance No. 1801 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS AMENDING CHAPTER XVI, ZONING AND PLANNING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 8 AND APPENDIXES A AND B OF THE DOCUMENT KNOWN AS "THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN – 2023 EDITION," PURSUANT TO KSA-12-747; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve Ordinance No. 1801. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

KP&F Drop Program:

Stacie Eichem advised the Governing Body of a new program offered to KP&F members that allows them to continue working after their retirement with deferred payments, but it requires city approval. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the drop program for KP&F members. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Audit Engagement Letter:

The City Manager advised that a letter of engagement needs to be signed for Russell Shipley for our annual audit. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the letter of engagement. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Lincoln Street Station Request:

Stacie reported a request had been received from Lincoln Street Station to have a live band on July 3rd and allow outdoor music until 11pm. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the 11pm amplified music request for July 3rd. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that the street project is on schedule. The MRI should be delivered April 1st. The electricity is being installed for Scenic Ridge. The library is on schedule with the potential of a walk through for the commissioners on April 2nd.

Library change order #32 was presented again, changing the flooring from carpet to LVT. This change order is the amount of \$5511. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve change order #32. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Library change order #45 was presented in the amount of \$1840 for the breakroom floor, however, the City Manager recommended not to approve this change order citing the architects knew the floor was uneven, therefore this cost should go back to them. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to deny change order #45 per the City Manager's recommendation. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 1, Commissioner Weixelman.

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The City Manager reported Chief Schliffke and Deputy Chief Powell had approached her regarding a software called Flock that is a license plate reader currently being installed in cities and counties around the state, the cost of the software would be less than \$23,000. Chief Schliffke and Deputy Chief Powell were present to answer questions regarding the software. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the purchase of the Flock software not to exceed \$23,000 contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported that all departments are doing well. The city will be announcing a swim team and start the marketing soon. The recreation and aquatic departments are interviewing for season positions, soccer starts this coming weekend, the fire department's floors are being installed at the end of the week. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the park on Saturday the 30th. The street department has been working on a concrete issue, the Tantalus metering system will be installed soon, and we are a Tree City USA city again. The demolition of the old city shop is waiting for state approval. Vision Wamego would like to form a sub-committee to review housing needs.

At this time, Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships, the regular meeting would reconvene at 6:50 P.M. with no further action. 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