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Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, May 07, 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Clifford Baughman.

Commissioner Michele Jacobs and Mayor Richard Weixelman were absent.

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 April 16, 2024. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Faulkner and seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1692. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1692. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be May 21, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Wastewater Plant Study:

The City Manager reported that the city had been denied a grant for wastewater improvements and an all over study would be approximately \$300,000 for capacity, area growth and improvements. She explained that Olsson would be able to complete a study in stages to accomplish the required studies for grants as well lower some of the study costs up front. It was her recommendation to approve a work order for a wastewater study with Olsson in the amount of \$86,879 for immediate needs as well as planning for growth. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to authorize a wastewater study with Olsson in the amount of \$86,879. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

Property Deed Transfer:

Stacie Eichem advised the Governing Body that she had received a deed from Wamego Development Company to transfer the North Ridge detention pond to the City of Wamego. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the transfer of property contingent upon the City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

Flint Hills Leadership Program:

The City Manager reported that she had received a request from the Flint Hills Leadership program for the annual donation of \$500 for the program. The Governing Body expressed their support for the program. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the annual donation of \$500 for the Flint Hills Leadership Program. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

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Columbian Summer Theatre Program:

The City Manager advised that she had received the annual request for support for the summer theatre program at the Columbian Theatre, the donation last year was \$3,000. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve donating \$3,000 for the annual summer theatre program. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that the street project is going well and on schedule. The library project will be coming to an end soon. Change Order #48 had been received in the amount of \$5,450 to be able to conduct a full fire suppression test. Commissioner Ditto moved to approve change order #48, Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

Stacie advised that R.M. Baril had given an estimate of \$14,140 to fix the windmill arms in the park from the windstorm a couple of weeks ago. R.M. Baril had repaired the arms when they were damaged a couple of years ago. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to have R.M. Baril repair the arms. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

She then reported an employee had a minor incident with the park shop gator, the unit is a 2006 with over 3,000 hours on it, the repair estimate was \$12,000, the cost of a new gator would be \$59,000, however, the sales representative advised that we could get a used one for approximately \$22,000 with less than half of the hours. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve the purchase of a used gator up to \$25,000. Motion carried. Aye: 3, Nay: 0.

The aquatic and recreation departments are ready for summer. The City Manager gave a shout out to the police, fire and public works departments for their assistance with the tornado in Westmoreland. All city crews have been coming in with the numerous storms.

The county sales tax was down 1% and the city sales tax was down 7%, however both are moving in an upwards direction.

The library board will meet on May 23rd instead of their regular meeting day.

The library minutes, finances, statistics and the KS Government Journal were passed out at the meeting.

At this time, Commissioner Faulkner moved to adjourn into executive session for five (5) minutes to discuss attorney-client privilege with potential litigation, the regular meeting would reconvene at 6:20 P.M. Commissioner Ditto seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:3, Nay:0.

The meeting reconvened.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Richard Weixelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk