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May 21, 2024

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Dwight Faulkner, Michele Jacobs, William Ditto, Clifford Baughman 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 May 07, 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. 1693. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1693. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be June 04, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Carnival Date Request:

The City Manager reported that Evans Midland had requested to open the carnival on June 28th instead of the 30th, after a brief discussion Commissioner Baughman moved to approve the request made by Evans Midland. Commissioner Ditto seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Carnival Agreement:

Stacie Eichen advised that the renewal agreement for Evans Midland had been received for operation in 2025, 2026 and 2027, with no changes made. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve renewing the agreement with Evans Midland through 2027. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Street Project Sewer Abatements:

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body of a sewer issue that been discovered in the street project. A couple of sewer lines were connected to another property's line rather than to the main line going against city standards. One of the property owners in question does not have the ability to correct the issue. Given the circumstances, it was the City Manager's recommendation to abate the cost of the sewer replacement with a pay agreement and if not paid within 24 months the unpaid amount would be attached to the property taxes. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the sewer line abatement. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that the certificate of occupancy for the library has been issued, there are punch list items remaining and library staff and volunteers are moving back into the building. There are no further change orders for any of the projects.

Stacie advised that she had received estimates for the fire department concrete issues and gutters. The lowest estimate was from Riley Construction in the amount of \$8850. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve the estimate from Riley Construction. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported it is time for the annual skid loader rollover with KanEquip at a cost of \$6,000, it is the Public Works Director's recommendation to continue with the annual rollover. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie reported an engine had gone out on a street department dump truck, the dumb bed is still good, it was the Public Work Director's recommendation to remove the bed and have it installed on a newer truck, the preferred truck is a 2014 Peterbilt that wouldn't require a cdl to be driven in the amount of \$49,250 after installation of the bed, trucks were also priced at auction sites and would be more costly. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the recommendation in the amount of \$49,250. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie also reported the need to replace a parks department mower, they use Grasshopper products because the attachments are interchangeable. The preferred unit is a Grasshopper mower with a trade-in for the older mower of \$5,000 and \$1,800 for an unused attachment, making the total \$8,585.05. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve the Grasshopper purchase in the amount of \$8,585.05. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Manager advised that she and several firefighters had gone to the firetruck manufacturing facility to see the new firetruck and make final changes. It was a very positive experience, there may be small change orders coming to a future meeting. The fire department would like to schedule a push the truck event for the arrival of the new truck. She also advised that the city was recognized as a Tree City USA. The outdoor pool will open on Monday, May 28th, recreation baseball and softball started last week. The fire department, police department and public works sent staff to help with the Westmoreland tornado.

At this time, Commissioner Baughman moved to adjourn into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships and possible land acquisition, the regular meeting would reconvene at 6:35 P.M. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

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The meeting reconvened.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard Weixelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk