

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Michele Jacobs, Clifford Baughman and William Ditto. Mayor Thomas Beem. Absent: Richard Weixelman

Also present were City Manager, Stacie Eichem, City Clerk, Shanda Jahnke and City Attorney, Jake Pugh.

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held January 17, 2023. After a careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Ditto to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk then submitted to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 1662. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1662. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be February 21, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Vision Wamego

The City Manager advised she would be presenting at the next regular meeting the concept of re-creating a Vision Wamego committee.

Chamber of Commerce Tulip Festival Request:

Jessa Peterson, Chamber Director, was present to request permission to hold the beer and wine tent at the annual Tulip Festival in April but moving the tent to an area by the band stand. This would be beer and wine samplings from local breweries and wineries. Commission Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the beer and wine tent and the new location. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Rezoning Request C-S to R-3:

Stacie Eichem advised a request had been made by the developer to table this issue to a future meeting.

Moderate Income Housing Resolution No. 20230207:

Resolution No. 20230207 was presented and read as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY FOR A MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING (MIH) GRANT FROM THE KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION TO FINANCE RENOVATION OF THE SPRUCE APARTMENTS AT 512 SPRUCE STREET IN WAMEGO, AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADA COMPLIANT DUPLEX ON AN ADJOINING LOT; AND DOCUMENTING SUPPORT OF SAID APPLICATION.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve Resolution No. 20230207. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Moderate Income Housing- ARPA Resolution No. 20230207-A:

Resolution No. 20230207-A was presented and read as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY FOR A MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING (MIH) GRANT FROM THE KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE NORTHRIDGE APARTMENT EXPANSION PROJECT IN WAMEGO AND DOCUMENTING SUPPORT OF SAID APPLICATION.

Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve Resolution No. 20230207-A. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Board Appointments:

Mayor Beem appointed Lorie Askren to the Wamego Housing Authority board.

The commission accepted Stephanie Smith's resignation from the Park and Recreation Advisory board.

Mayor Beem appointed Amber TenEyck and re-appointed Wymetta Newell to the Recreation Advisory Board.

Police Department Server:

The City Manager advised that the police department server has reached end of life and was in need of being replaced at the cost of \$27,065. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the purchase a server in the amount of \$27,065. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Patrol Unit Change Order:

Stacie advised that a change order had been received in the amount of \$1,690 for the previously approved Dodge Durango. This change order included changes to the cage, pc mounts, antennas, and graphics. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the change order in the amount of \$1,690. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Equipment Rollover – Skid Steer:

The City Manager reported the cost for the annual skid steer rollover from Kan Equip would be \$4,850. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the annual skid steer rollover in the amount of \$4,850.

Tantalus:

Stacie advised that City staff had researched two different metering systems for electric and water, Gridstream and Tantalus. She advised that Gridstream appeared to be geared more towards co-op and Tantalus with their affiliation with KMEA was geared more to municipalities. It would be the staff recommendation to sign with Tantalus at a cost of \$808,199.12. This would include equipment. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve signing contracts with Tantalus contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

City Hall Office Space:

The City Manager advised that she had received a quote from Riley Construction to install a drop ceiling in the upstairs portion of City Hall. This quote was just under \$20,000, it was recommendation of the Governing Body to wait and see if it was necessary after installing flooring.

Columbian Theatre Request:

Stacie Eichen reported a request had been received from the Columbian Theatre for \$3000 to support the children's summer and winter theatre academies, this would be the same amount that the city donated last year. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the \$3000 request. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Concessions Agreement:

The City Manager advised that the annual contract for the complex concessions is ready for renewal with the Friendship House. She advised that adult, soccer and flag football programs were problematic for the Friendship House to open the concessions as they didn't generate enough business to justify being open. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to renew the contract with Friendship House but also noting that all perishables and the trailer would not be stored at the facility at the end of the season that concessions are being offered. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Department Updates:

The City Manager advised that she had hired Maggie Strait as the Recreation Director beginning full time in June. There is one opening at the police department and two officers graduating from the academy soon. The Fire Department annual banquet had been held and Jim Kennedy had retired from the department and would be attending a future meeting. The Aquatic Center is working on staffing to get back to a 6AM opening time. The electric and street departments are preparing to move into the new shop.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager:

Stacie advised that the library project is in progress with concrete being poured in the basement. A pre-construction meeting will be held with Bayer soon. Plum Street is still in progress with the waterline project also in progress. The light at Columbian and Hwy 24 construction will be starting soon.

Community Day in the park will be held March 26th between 2-4pm to learn pickleball and see the new amenities.

The City sales tax was up 16% and the County sales tax was up 9% from this time last year.

No further business appearing, meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk