

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, May 02, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Clifford Baughman, William Ditto and Michele Jacobs. Mayor Thomas Beem. Absent: Commissioner Richard Weixelman.

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

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held April 18, 2023. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Baughman and seconded by Commissioner Jacobs 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. 1668. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1668. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be May 16, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The City Manager reported that the Frontier Group had been awarded the MIH grant for the spruce street apartment building renovation and the Roadrunner project for more apartments on Highway 24 had been denied.

Fire Department Ordinance:

Ordinance No. 1792 was read and presented as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 2. FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CHAPTER VII. FIRE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Beem to approve Ordinance No. 1792 contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

WHC MRI information:

Jake Pugh advised that the Wamego Hospital Association has purchased the MRI machine that will be housed at the Wamego Health Center once the building can accommodate it.

Board Appointment – Library:

Mayor Beem appointed Zac Kreider to the Wamego Board of Zoning Appeals.

Project Updates:

Stacie advised that the Plum Street intersections will be closed for the final waterline tie-ins.

A change order has been received for the library project in the amount of \$4386.80. Due to some questions, the City Manager requested authorization to approve the change order after some research. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to authorize the City Manager to approve this change order if necessary. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Stacie also advised that it is time to camera the sewer lines. An agreement has been received from Mayer Specialty Services in the amounts of \$40503.24 in 2023, \$42959.14 in 2024 and \$30,435.10 in 2025, the city has contracted with them in the past to camera 1/3 of the lines each year with a two (2) year wait before starting over. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve contracting with Mayer if budget allows contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager:

Stacie reported that Chief Schliffke recently had his ten (10) year anniversary with the City. A new employee will start in the water department on Monday. The park and recreation departments are both in need of seasonal workers. The Assistant Aquatic Director will be handling the Aquatic Center for the summer and the need for a director will be evaluated in the fall. The facility manager is working with KC Gunite in the opening processes for the aquatic center. The city is also getting ready to advertise for a Deputy Court Clerk and Accounts Payable Clerk. The hiring process is underway for the Deputy Chief position, one more full-time officer and part-time officers at the police department are needed.

The sales tax was up 7% for the county and 10% for the city compared to this time last year.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Thomas Beem, Mayor

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk