

Council Meeting

January 14th 2025

Mayor Pat Walden called the meeting to order
Pledge

Roll Call: TJ Duncan was absent. Darvin Weaver, Lindy Rhodes, and Debra Rice were all present.

Approval of the bills in the amount of \$72,455.65

Darvin questioned Joey's charge at Jo's One Stop

Lindy motioned to approve the bills, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the December meeting:

Darvin motioned to approve, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Liz Hart in Brenda Howard's absence.

Debra motioned to approve the report, Lindy 2nd, motion carried.

Accountant remarks: Liz Hart stated that they ended the year with all funds coming in under budget. They are in a good spot going into the new year. Darvin stated that the employees did a good job keeping under.

Unfinished Business: Cherokee presented the GAAP Waiver that needed passed for the auditors. Darvin motioned to approve Resolution 2025-01 GAAP Waiver for the year 2025, Lindy 2nd, motion carried.

The Knights of Columbus are holding an appreciation chilli dinner on the 20th if anyone wants to attend.

There is nothing new to report about the long term gas discount program. Ron Ragan from UGM said they may be adding more cities to the pool.

Amy and Cherokee are both registered for a grant class in Pittsburg on January 29th. Pat will stay at the office to take care of business.

Nothing new has been announced about the storm siren grant.

They had 2 bids for replacing the transmission on the Police Tahoe. Arma Sales and Service, and Henegar's garage. The Mayor says it is an expensive fix. He suggests they wait and see if it really needs it. Lindy asks if it was paid off. Cherokee stated not yet, it will pay off later this year. Pat thinks they may need to consider getting rid of it and get something newer. They have also spent some money repairing the patrol truck. They need to consider only having one patrol vehicle. They do not really need two. Table it for now.

There were a few applicants for the job for the Public Works Department. After reviewing the applications, it was decided to bring in Dwayne Willey and Mason Harrison for interviews. They will set up a special meeting for Friday the 17th.

Ernie has not yet purchased the landscape tiller. Still no bid on the lean to at the plant, or price on a

dump trailer. He did look at a few that were around \$9,000. A dump trailer will serve multiple purposes. The dump truck is getting pretty old.

Ernie is working on the LED bulbs in the Fire Dept. He had a case donated.

Tim Buche's family, The City of Minden, and Ernie Casey all sent thank you cards to the city.

There is no new information about signs for the historic Military Highway.

Pat wants the revision of the Policy Handbook to be put on the agenda for the special meeting, following the job interviews.

Pat wants an executive session for non elect personnel to include the accountant for 10 minutes. Darwin motioned to go into executive session, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Darwin motioned to go out of executive and back into regular session, Lindy 2nd, motion carried.

Police Dept: Chief Joey Adelman presented his monthly report. He mentioned a few addresses that need to be condemned. They will focus on 228 E Alfred first. It is getting dangerous. It belongs to William and Lisa Long. The multiple properties owned by the late Larry Johnson are tied up in probate. The city attorney advised to hold off on them until it is straightened out.

Fire Dept: Chief Ernie Chase stated they had a few mutual aid calls with Arma and Arcadia. They have had multiple medical calls. Labette Community College in Parsons will be holding fire training in March. He has a few members that will want and need to go. He is not sure how much it costs yet. They need to replace 4 hoses, two were damaged at a fire, the other two are leaking. He will need 4-inch and a half hoses. They also need new pads and batteries for the AED machines.

Darvin motioned to by the 4 hoses, pads, and batteries, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Darvin asked if the department updated the S.O.P.

Ernie said not yet, they need to have a meeting. Pat stated he was approached about another house that an individual wants to tear down and burn. He thinks they should come up with a form for tearing down and burning, that states what they need to do. It would be one less the city has to tear down. Ernie says Arma and Girard have very strict Ordinances. KDHE could get involved. Amy stated that what she found said they must apply to KDHE. Pat says to call the League.

City Plant: The water conference in Wichita will be the last week in March. He needs to go and get his training hours in. Pat asks if there were any other classes other employees would be interested in. Amy stated that they were ones that they had already been to, not much new. The City Dodge needs all new tires. He got some prices and he would like to go with Wiseman's. Cooper 10 ply all terrain and they will repair. It will be

\$1,047.80. Darwin motioned to buy the tires, Debra 2nd, motion carried. Ernie will need a replacement water pump out South to have a spare. If it goes out, no way to get water out up the hill. Darwin motioned to the cheapest deal on the pump and buy it, Debra 2nd, motion carried. They will be having a meeting with someone from KRWA about our water rates. Liz would like to get their opinion before making a decision on what to raise the rates.

City Office: nothing else

Council: Darwin and Debra had nothing else. Lindy said she had a few notes about burning.

Mayor: Homecoming will be holding a chicken noodle dinner March 1st. He would like everyone to support it.

Amy stated that the gas man Mike Gebelin's house had burned. She would like the city to make a donation him and his wife. They are currently staying in a motel and having to go out to eat meals,

and pay to do laundry. Darvin motions to donate \$200, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Darvin motioned to adjourn, Lindy 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM

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Pat Walden