

Council Meeting
April 8th, 2025
6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Pat Walden was present and called the meeting to order

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Debra Rice, Lindy Rhodes, TJ Duncan,

Pat said Ken Collins had showed interest in the vacant seat on the council and he had a letter of interest from Matthew Harrison that he read. TJ made a motion to nominate Ken to finish Darvin Weaver's term, Lindy 2nd motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: TJ made motion to approve the bills, Debra 2nd motion carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Debra made a motion to approve last month's minutes and the special meeting minutes, Lindy 2nd motion carried

TREASURER REPORT: Read by Liz Hart in the absence of Brenda Howard.

ACCOUNTANT: Accountant Liz Hart was present. Budget is good. She will be making a transfer from electric fund to general fund.

AGENDA: KRWA Kris Kline was present and gave the council the results of the water rate survey; it was decided to make a decision at a later date.

Mayor ask for a 15 minute executive session for non-elect personnel 7:40 – 7:55
TJ made the motion Lindy 2nd motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Long term gas discount program, status remains unchanged expect update/action in May.

Grant for tornado siren is unchanged.

Bids for Tahoe transmission continues to be tabled.

No bids as of now for the lean to add-on at the plant.

No trailer for the excavator.

Trimming trees as time and weather permits.

Military Frontier Hwy remains unchanged Pat emailed Kansas Historical Society

they didn't know anything about it, he also talked to someone at Fort Scott and they didn't know anything about it.

Policy Handbook will be looked at more and decided what changes will be made in the future.

Ernie has not made it to Springfield to purchase fire hose.

CITY OFFICE: City Clerk Cherokee Pelican was present; Bids for 202 E 4th & 203 E. 9th; Jones Land Service bid was \$3,000

Foxwell Holdings bid was \$3,300

Bids for 208 E. Alfred; Jones Land Service bid was \$6,000.

Foxwell Holdings bid was \$4,200

TJ made a motion to award Foxwell Holdings the bid for all three properties in the amount of \$7,500, Ken 2nd motion carried.

CITY PLANT: Superintendent Ernie Chase was present; he went to Wichita to the KRWA conference and the guidelines for the lead and copper has some changes coming he has most of them already in place.

Electric pole at 110 N. Mulberry was hit and needs a new pole and transformer.

Chuck came over from Arma and helped get the power back on.

They have been tree trimming & started mowing and purchased some weed spray.

With all the rain sewer pumps ran almost 40 hours with infiltration. He had a quote for a new pump ASC in the amount of \$4,286

Cemetery benches are sanded and in the chapel. The storm hit the Cemetery Sign & it is being replaced.

FIRE DEPT: Fire Chief Ernie Chase was present; they had two fires.

Easter Bunny will be in town Saturday the 19th of April.

They went to fire training Saturday.

TJ made a motion for Donnie Dicky to take the test to become a Fire Fighter 1 Certified Fire Fighter and the City of Mulberry pay for the test and material needed, Debra 2ND motion carried.

POLICE DEPT: Police Chief Joey Adelman was present; and will be sending some letters out for clean-up and possible condemnation.

Arma Sales & Service has the Police Truck, not coming out of four wheel drive; when they put it back together Joey would like to take it to Henegar Garage.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Debra - no comments. Lindy – no comments. Ken – no comments. TJ – ask if the part-time Police Department employees were working Joey said Alex Lake has and Bryan Dyson does when he can. Joey stated there will be training April 11th with the Crawford County Coroner.

Mayor ask for a 15 minute executive session for non-elect personnel 8:50 – 9:05
Ken made the motion and Debra 2nd motion carried.

MAYOR REMARKS: Becky & I painted the concession at the ball diamond with the help of Joey & some volunteer kids, Alex his wife and kid.
There will be a Homecoming meeting Thursday 6:30 at the Senior Citizens Building, attend if you can and want to know what's going on.
Lisa Blessant will be making a donation and coming tomorrow to get some of the benches from the museum.

**DEBRA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:08, LINDY 2ND
MOTION CARRIED**

Pat Walden
Cory Tucker