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Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Dwight Faulkner, William Ditto, Clifford Baughman, Michele Jacobs, 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 April 02, 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. 1691. After a careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1691. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be May 07, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Housing Authority Annual Update:

JoAnn Sutton, Property Manager, was present to give the annual report for the Wamego Housing Authority Board. She advised that they have a waiting list and currently have no vacancies. There will be policy changes soon for residents over the income threshold due to changes on the federal level. The housing authority had a clean audit for 2023. The Governing Body thanked JoAnn for her time and dedication.

Airport Board Annual Update:

John Hupe was present to give the annual report on behalf of the airport board. He advised that there were currently not any major projects at the airport. The board doesn't want to do things that go against the master plan that is in progress. The Governing Body thanked John and board for their time and dedication.

CCLIP Resurfacing Project Agreement:

The City Manager advised that the agreement had been received for the resurfacing grant project from Valley to the bridge on Hwy 99. Commissioner Baughman moved to approve the agreement with the State for the project. Commissioner Ditto seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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Ordinance No. 1802 – Curfew:

Ordinance No. 1802 was presented and read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 2 LOCAL OFFENSES, OF CHAPTER XI PUBLIC OFFENSES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO, KANSAS, IN RELATION TO THE CURFEW OF MINORS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve Ordinance No. 1802, contingent upon City Attorney review. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Safe Routes to School Grant:

Resolution No. 20240416 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 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TA) FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ENHANCEMENTS AND DOCUMENTING SUPPORT OF SAID PROJECT.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve Resolution No. 20240416. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Mt Mitchell Trail:

Stacie advised that she had been contacted by the Mt Mitchell Prairie Guard about sponsoring a walking/running trail that would possibly start in the Miller Nature Park with a parking lot and end on Mt Mitchell. She noted that most of the trail would be in Wabaunsee County and not the city and that if the city sponsored the project, easements and maintenance through Wabaunsee might be issues. She advised that she thought it is a good project but for the city to support not sponsor. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner for the city to write a letter of support for the project. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Board Appointments:

Mayor Weixelman re-appointed Stacy Slagle and Jim Odgers to the Wamego Library Board.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that there is some concrete on Vine Street, the street project is continuing to go well. The MRI has been installed at the hospital and Scenic Ridge is nearing completion.

The aquatic center is doing well and getting ready for summer, all summer signups will open May 1st. The recreation department has the Lew Schumacher memorial fishing clinic this weekend. The fire truck is almost complete, she and several firefighters would be traveling to Wisconsin in May for the final approval at the request of the fire chief. The police department had a great representation at the Tulip Festival. Cameron has been working on the Floodplain Management.

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Shane is working on building inspections including the library, the street department helped with the Tulip Festival and the parks crew worked the festival all weekend. She is still working on the removal of the old city shop and according to Scott Kohl, he is ready for the Wine Festival in May.

Stacie advised the Governing Body that she had completed the Dale Carnegie course that they had requested. She is going to have others within the city staff take courses as well. She also reminded them of the Diamonds and Denim fundraiser on April 27th.

At this time, Commissioner Faulkner moved to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) 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 6:36 P.M. Commissioner Weixelman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0.

The meeting reconvened.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Clifford Baughman, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk