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August 06, 2024

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, August 06, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue, Wamego, Kansas. Those present were Commissioners: Dwight Faulkner, Michele Jacobs, William Ditto, Clifford Baughman and Mayor Richard Weixelman.

The City Manager, Stacie Eiche, City Clerk, Shanda Jahnke and Jake Pugh, City Attorney were also present.

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held July 16, 2024. After 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: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk submitted Appropriation Ordinance No. 1698 to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval. After careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1698. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be August 20, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 92 was present to attend the meeting for their citizenship badges.

Rifle-Request for Proposal:

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body that one proposal had substituted backordered items, the proposals had been tabled for more information. Since the previous meeting, more items had been backordered from both companies. It was the City Manager's recommendation to reject both proposals and purchase the rifles in smaller quantities. Commissioner Ditto moved to reject both proposals and authorize the police department to purchase rifles as needed and available up to \$37,000, Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

CCLIP North Project:

Stacie Eiche advised that the City of Wamego had been awarded another CCLIP grant for Lincoln Avenue from 8th Street to Hwy 24 to be completed in 2026. The city portion of the approximately \$600,000 project would be approximately \$130,000. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to accept the grant award. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Library Project Review:

The City Manager addressed the following items: 1) The funds from the library for the project, including interest, be refunded to the library in the amount of \$68,220.63. 2) The interest from the city funds in the amount of \$19,542.86 be used to paint the mansard and gutters in amount of \$8551 per Riley Construction with the remaining \$10,991.86 be used towards the bond payment for this project. 3) The library will work with Pottawatomie Nation on the handicap button. 4) The 1100-1400 square feet of unused carpet from the project be used for the library break room and 2-3 offices at the police department. Commissioner Baughman moved to approve all the recommendations made by the City Manager, Commissioner Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay:0.

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Procurement Policy Review:

Stacie reported that the procurement policy currently in place was created in 1989, after a brief discussion, she advised that the policy will be brought back to a future meeting. No motion needed.

Tree Policy Review:

The City Manager advised that she will work with the tree board and K-State Forestry Department to bring back a tree policy to a future meeting in regard to a tree maintenance plan and street tree guidelines as well as a tree campaign.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

Stacie reported that the street project is moving along with Vine Street open, Chestnut should be open by the end of the year. There were issues with mail delivery, but she had spoken with the postmaster, citizens in the project area can get temporary post offices boxes or come to the post office to retrieve their mail. Current projects in progress are an airport master plan, the well and wastewater capacity studies, the electric and water meter change, a mill and overlay project which will start on Thursday or Friday this week, with a concrete project starting later in the fall. The City Manager reported she had received a quote from Riley Construction to paint the pillars at city hall in the amount of \$5,633 and she advised that Sargent Drilling gave a quote in the amount of \$ 29,257 for well repair, due to the nature of the wells, Sargent Drilling is who the city has used for several years. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve Riley and Sargent's quotes. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay:0.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager

The City Manager advised that all departments are doing well, Friday will be the last weekday for the outdoor pool, the plan is to stay open on the weekends until Labor Day contingent on staff availability. The splash pad will stay open for a few more weeks. The fall programs for the recreation department have been opened. The new fire truck will be here on August 7th at approximately 10:30am. With the newest police department hire, the police department has no open positions. The water and electric crews are installing new meters, the power plant is doing the annual test tuns and the parks department has been working on the train with their other duties.

Sales tax continues to be similar to years past.

Library and Housing Authority – minutes, finances and statistics were included in the meeting packet.

A tour and ribbon cutting will be held at the spruce street apartments on August 7th at 3pm.

Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Aye; 5, Nay; 0. The meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Richard Weixelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk