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August 20, 2024

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, August 20, 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, City Treasurer, Leslie Dugan, and Jake Pugh, City Attorney were also present.

The City Clerk presented the minutes of the regular meeting of the Governing Body held August 06, 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 Appropriation Ordinance No. 1699 to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval. After careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1698. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be September 03, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

WHS Homecoming Parade Request:

Maddox Topliff, Wamego High School Student Council President and Nora Bosse, Vice President, were present to request approval for a homecoming parade on September 27, 2024, which will close Lincoln Avenue from 12:45pm to 2:00pm. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the parade request. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Oztoberfest and Porches on Poplar Requests:

Tegan Kreider and Eric Artzer were present to request the closure of Ash Street from 5th and 6th Streets for the annual Oztoberfest. The event would close Lincoln Avenue from 4th to 8th Streets, 5th Street to the west and east of Lincoln Avenue. She advised that the intersection of 6th Street and Lincoln Avenue would be closed for emergency personnel only. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the Oztoberfest plan. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0. Tegan then requested permission to host the Porches on Poplar event on Poplar Street from 4th to 6th Streets, allowing the wine and beer samples to allow the participants to walk from porch to porch. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the additional street closure for the Oztoberfest and Porches on Poplar event while allowing the samples to be carried off private property. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Match Day Banner Request:

The Community Foundation requested to have a banner across Lincoln Avenue advertising for Match Day on October 3, 2024. The city staff would put up and take down the banner, however it was the staff recommendation to have air vents in the banner to lessen the strain on the poles. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman, to approve the banner with the recommended conditions. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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LKM Voting Delegates:

Stacie advised the Governing Body that the city needed to designate voting delegates for the Kansas League of Municipalities Annual Conference in October. Commissioner Jacobs moved to have Commissioner Weixelman and Commissioner Jacobs be the voting delegates and Commissioners Baughman and Commissioner Faulkner be the alternate voting delegates. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Airport Board Appointment:

Mayor Weixelman re-appointed Matt Totten to the airport board.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

Stacie reported that the street project is moving along with Vine Street open, Chestnut should be partially open by the end of September and fully open by the end of the year. The side streets should be open prior to the closing of Spruce. There are no purchase requests.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager

The City Manager advised that all departments are doing well. The plan is to stay open on the weekends until Labor Day contingent on staff availability, there were several aquatic staff compliments in the past couple of weeks. The splash pad will stay open for a few more weeks. With the newest police department hire, the police department has no open positions. There will be an open house at the fire department in the fall, the commissioners saw the new fire truck outside of the city office during the work session. The power plant picked up running during the last round of severe weather.

The KS Government Journal was handed out during the meeting.

At this time, Commissioner Faulkner moved to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships, and attorney-client privilege with potential litigation, and the meeting would reconvene at 6:30 P.M. Commissioner Ditto seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The meeting reconvened.

At this time, Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn into executive session for ten (10) minutes for attorney-client privilege with potential litigation, and the meeting would reconvene at 6:40 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/ Richard Weixelman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk