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Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, January 07, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue. Those present were Commissioners: Dwight Faulkner, Michele Jacobs, Clifford Baughman, William Ditto 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 December 17, 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. 1708 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 1708. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be January 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Stacie then presented Mayor Weixelman with a plaque, thanking him for his dedication to the community with his service on the city commission.

Quitclaim Deed:

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body that at a previous meeting they had authorized the city attorney to draft a quitclaim deed to give back the property north of Wamego on Hwy 99 to KDOT. The document was ready for signature. Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize the final signature to give the property back. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

10K Race Request:

Stacie advised that the Chamber had requested permission to host a 5K, 10K and half marathon on May 10th, 2025. The run would be a fundraiser for the chamber and help grow the wine festival being held on the same day, they would be certifying the route to increase runner interest as well. Stacie advised that the route had been given to supervisors with the only concern being if both events grow too much it could become problematic for law enforcement and staffing. Commissioner Ditto moved to approve the race but wants an accounting of staff hours and equipment, to review charging for the event in the future. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Airport Final Plan Review:

The City Manager reported that Diane with Olsson would not be able to make it to the meeting to present the plan due to the weather, she is planning to attend the February 4, 2025, meeting.

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GAAP Waiver- Resolution 20250107:

Stacie Eichem presented Resolution No 20250107 regarding the GAAP Waiver to allow the city to be on a cash basis. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution 20250107. Commissioner Baughman seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Insurance Review:

The City Manager advised that a request for proposal would be going out for general liability insurance soon. She also advised that she had received a quote for additional cyber security coverage from Cowell Insurance in the amount of \$8,161 for an additional million dollars in coverage. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded Commissioner Baughman to approve an additional cyber insurance policy. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Cereal Malt Beverage License:

Stacie reported that an application had been received from Gambino's Pizza to renew their CMB license, and inspections had been completed as well as the background checks. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage license. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Board Appointments:

By the library board request, Mayor Weixelman un-appointed Jim Odgers from the library board due to residency requirements and attendance. It was the board's understanding that Mr. Odgers had moved out of the area due to medical reasons. Mayor Weixelman was presented with two applications for the board, he appointed Shanna Goodman to the board. He advised that the other application would be held for the board openings in the spring.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that the street project was being slowed by the weather. A change order has been received for the project in the amount of \$31,131.20 for a water line that was missing from the project. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Baughman to approve the change order as presented. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

She then gave a brief storm update, citing the city had received approximately 17.5 inches of snow. The street crew had worked overnights and moved to 12 hours shifts, with the power plant, electric, park and water crew assisting in snow removal during the day. The power plant and electric crew had been on standby for power outages. The fire chief had opened the fire department for police and public works staff to sleep for a few hours between shifts.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager

Stacie reported that the city sales tax was down 4% from last year but higher than the year before. The county sales tax was up 3%.

Kansas Government Journal, Library minutes, finances and statistics were included in the packet.

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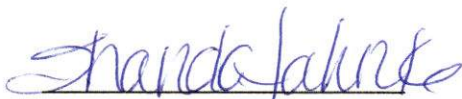
At this time, Commissioner Ditto wanted to express the commissions thanks to the parks crew for their dedication and inclusiveness in making the Christmas decorations.

The City Manager advised the Governing Body of several upcoming events should they choose to attend, those events were listed as the Annual Chamber Dinner, the Growth Summit, Ag Appreciation, KMU Day at the Capitol and Local Government Day at the Capitol.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.


Clifford Baughman, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk