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January 21, 2025

**Regular Meeting:**

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers at 430 Lincoln Avenue. Those present were Commissioners: Dwight Faulkner, Michele Jacobs, Dale Culbertson, William Ditto and Mayor Pro-Tem Clifford Baughman.

The City Manager, Stacie Eichem, 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 January 07, 2025. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk submitted Appropriation Ordinance No. 1709 to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval. After careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1709. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Public Comments and Communications:**

The next regular work session will be February 04, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Casey Frisbie, Public Works Director, Shay Hoffman and Brandy Lowe, Street Foremen, were present to give a brief update on the recent snowstorm. They explained that they learned a lot from this storm, but every department stepped up to handle it. The commission thanked them and all city crews for their extended workday and dedication to the city.

**Sine Die- Commissioner Reorganization:**

Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn into sine die for the purpose of the reorganization of the Governing Body. Commissioner Faulker seconded the motion. Commissioner Ditto moved to nominate Commission Baughman for Mayor and Commissioner Jacobs for Mayor Pro-Tem and to further cease nominations; Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to move out of sine die and back into the regular meeting. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Chamber Annual Membership:**

Stacie advised that it was time to renew the annual chamber of commerce membership. Commissioner Ditto moved to stay in the diamond sponsorship, which is currently \$6,000. Commissioner Culbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Common Consumption Chamber Request:**

Tegan Kreider, Tourism Coordinator, was present to request the city make the city park a common consumption area for the Tulip Festival, this would allow patrons to walk with alcohol through the festival. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Ditto voiced his concern about this request. Commissioner Jacobs moved to allow the common consumption this year only, Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye: 4, Nay: 1, Commissioner Ditto.

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**Flint Hills Regional Council Appointment:**

Stacie Eiche advised that Richard Weixelman had previously served on the Flint Hills Regional Council, and it is time to appoint a new representative. Commissioner Culbertson and Mayor Baughman volunteered to be on board. Commissioner Faulkner moved to appoint Mayor Baughman with Commissioner Culbertson as the alternate. Commissioner Ditto seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Flint Hills Regional Council Dues:**

The City Manager advised that the city dues for the Flint Hills Regional Council for 2025 were \$4,356.90. commissioner Culbertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the annual dues in the amount requested. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Diamonds and Denim Sponsorship:**

Stacie advised that she had received the annual Diamonds and Denim Sponsorship request, in previous years, the city has sponsored at \$1500 as a table sponsor, this year the same level of sponsorship is also listed as a bar sponsor. Commissioner Culbertson moved to stay at \$1500 sponsorship, Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion, Commissioner Ditto advised that it should not include the bar sponsor. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Stacie would let them know that we didn't want to be listed as bar sponsor.

**KMEA Agreement:**

The City Manager reminded the Governing Body that KMEA had been researching additional power supplies due to the current GRDA agreement expiring soon. After their research, it was agreed that staying with the GRDA was the best option. The new agreement would be for an additional 25 years, this is in addition to the other energy sources that the city has existing agreements with. Commissioner Ditto moved to accept a new 25-year agreement, contingent upon City Attorney review. Commissioner Culbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**KMEA Resolution No. 20250121:**

Resolution No. 20250121 was presented and read as follows.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WAMEGO KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (GRAND RIVER DAM AUTHORITY POWER SUPPLY PROJECT NO. 2) BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAMEGO KANSAS, AND THE KANSAS MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY; AND MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Commissioner Baughman moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner to approve Resolution No. 20250121. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

**Board Appointments:**

Mayor Baughman re-appointed Kiley Moody to the Recreation Advisory Board.

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**Project Updates and Change Orders:**

The City Manager advised that a change order for Scenic Ridge will be coming to a future meeting, the street project is still underway, the plan is still to close Walnut at the end of the month, the contractors are meeting with all the residents affected.

Stacie reminded the Governing Body that this is typically the time for the annual Caterpillar equipment rollover for the mini excavator. Instead of a new lease, it was Public Works Director's recommendation to purchase the equipment outright, this is due to the lower hours on the machine as well as the cost to purchase vs lease, the purchase price would be \$21,144.74. Commissioner Culbertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to purchase the equipment. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Stacie then reported that the invoice had been received from MCM for the assistance removing the snow, she reported that MCM hauled 194 loads of snow to the recreation complex in the amount of \$46,890. Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson, to approve the MCM invoice as presented. Motion carried: Aye: 5, Nay: 0.


**City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager**

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 and Ag Appreciation.

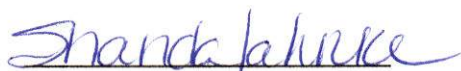
At this time, Commissioner Jacobs moved to adjourn into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, individual proprietorships and non-elected personnel, the regular meeting would be reconvened at 6:50 P.M., Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Aye:5, Nay:0. The meeting was reconvened.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:50 P.M.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Clifford Baughman, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk