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February 04, 2025

Regular Meeting:

The Governing Body of the City of Wamego, Kansas, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, February 04, 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 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 21, 2025. After careful reading and discussion thereof, it was moved by Commissioner Faulkner and seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

The City Clerk submitted Appropriation Ordinance No. 1710 to the Governing Body for their consideration and approval. After careful review and discussion thereof, Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Ditto, to approve and adopt Appropriation Ordinance Number 1710. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Public Comments and Communications:

The next regular work session will be February 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Shanna Goodman, executive director of Pottawatomie Economic Development (Eco-Devo) was present to update to the Governing Body of her recent work on the housing assessment. She has recently met with Senator Kenny Titus on housing issues, he is willing to participate in a joint work session with city and county officials to discuss the housing and workforce issues facing the community. She advised that the housing assessment has been completed and sent to the state. She thanked Cameron Matthews, Stacie Eichem and Jessa Petersen for their willingness to provide information for the study. She followed up with a brief Caterpillar update, advising that several businesses that have the potential of bringing a larger workforce to the area than Caterpillar had are interested in purchasing the property.

Airport Final Plan Review:

Diane Hoffer was present to present the final airport plan, she worked with members of the airport board and city staff to review the needs of the community in relation to the awarded KDOT grant and future grant opportunities. The final plan included short-term goals while making sure that any short-term projects do not interfere with the final plan which would include becoming an instrument approach airport with FAA rights, a longer runway, more hangers and more usable space. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the airport plan as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

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Airport Apron and Taxiway Agreement:

The City Manager advised that a work order had been received from Olsson as part of the master agreement, in the amount of \$48,990 for engineering services for the awarded airport KDOT grant. This would be for the apron and taxiway design. The engineering fees can be included in the grant. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson, to approve the work order as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Bank Signature Card Update:

Stacie Eichem advised the bank signature cards needed to be changed to add Michelle Morton as City Treasurer. The authorized signers would be Stacie Eichem, City Manager, Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk and Michelle Morton, City Treasurer, with Leslie Dugan being removed. Commissioner Culbertson moved, Commissioner Faulkner seconded, to the bank signature card changes. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

Project Updates and Change Orders:

The City Manager advised that Walnut Street has been closed from 4th to 5th with an access road, Walnut from 6th to 8th will close towards the end of the month. A change order for Scenic Ridge has been received for several necessary changes over the course of the project in the amount of \$76,372.40. Commissioner Ditto moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, to approve the final change order for Scenic Ridge as presented. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.


Stacie advised that the only purchase request was from Sargent Drilling in the amount of \$10,562 for a VFD that had to be replaced on one of the wells. Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the purchase request in the amount of \$10,562. Motion carried. Aye: 5, Nay: 0.

City Manager and Other Reports - City Manager

The City Manager advised the city sales tax was up 6% and the county sales tax was up 10% from this time last year.

The annual floodplain update was included in the packet, KS Government Journals were passed out during the meeting.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.



Clifford Baughman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shanda Jahnke, City Clerk