CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 13, 2017  7:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY,

Work Session—Sign off on bills

Mayor Greg Linton present and presiding called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:  Jan Cornely, Cole Eberle, Lisha Wiese and Drew Duskie (Doug Bader absent)  
CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:  David Reling, Denelle Mick, Ken Moore & City Attorney Chantz Martin  
OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:  Judith Gracey, Steve McMillan and Heather Hartman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

D. Duskie made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular August 9 meeting. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

J. Cornely motioned to pass Claims Ordinance #1477A. L. Wiese seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

D. Duskie made a motion to approve the building permits for Pam Brummer, Charles Gullion and granted Craig Jones & Jim Johnanek a 2-foot variance on their building permit requests. L. Wiese seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT & SCHEDULED VISITORS:  Heather Hartman gave a brief presentation on a Solomon Valley Community Foundation meeting that will be held on Sept. 27 in Beloit. This is a strategic Planning meeting for Mitchell County. She encouraged the council and community to attend this meeting and have some community projects in mind. These projects could be funded by Dane G. Hansen Foundation. She reported to council that the Façade project on the Cawker City Municipal building was close to being finalized. Clerk Mick reported to council that the contractors had been called and hope to get started on the windows by the end of September. Heather also reported that Mitchell Co. had been awarded a grant total of $10,462.00 towards the purchase of 15 AED devices for the county. The grant was written with a ½ matching cost, each unit costs $1395.00 with the City of Cawker paying $697.50 for their share.

STAFF REPORT

CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

D. Reling:  Reling reported that they still needed to get work done on the bucket truck. The council had approved the repairs at an earlier meeting at a cost of approximately $12,000.00. Reling stated that if he can’t get the guy from Specialty Hydraulic to come and get the work done, he may have to contact Altec directly. If the repairs look to be above the previous estimate the council asked Reling to report back to them for approval. Reling stated that the Skid Steer from Carrico’s had finally come in. The City will be over the hours allowed on the government lease. The cost for the hours will be $2,000.00. The coin operated machine was discussed, people have been having trouble with it working. Reling stated that the machine was installed in 1979. He stated that we could repair or just replace the complete unit at a cost of $400.00. J. Cornely made a motion to replace the complete unit at a cost of $400.00 to be paid out of the water fund. D. Duskie seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES
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Reling stated that the State park at approached him about helping pay for some replacement boards for the picnic tables at the Lake. We use these picnic tables for the Cawker City picnic. D. Duskie made a motion to help repair 6 picnic tables by donating $400.00 towards this project. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

Reling stated that a citizen had stopped at the City office and asked about rocking and repairing third street east of Lake Drive. Consensus of council was to not repair this street at this time.

Council asked Reling about the poor water pressure at the Jack Gracey residence and he stated that he had checked it out and had talked to Mr. Gracey about the issues. It was found that the low water pressure was due to galvanized pipe.

K. Moore: Monthly report was placed in the council packet. Ken reported that NRA instructor was in town this week and was working on the USD 272 School Security Assessments. Mitchell and Osborne Co. Sheriff’s office were also participating in this program. The program should be completed by Sat. Sept. 16, 2017. Ken stated that he had received several complaints about people blowing their yard waste out into the street. He talked to Dave Reling about this issue and Reling stated that it does cause blockage in the sewer drains. Council asked Clerk Mick to put a notice on the local TV channel for people to please stop blowing yard waste into the streets and they would address it further in the coming months. Moore also stated that there is some concern about people using older recreational vehicles for residencies. Council discussed the issue and asked Ken to go and talk to the people and see what their plans were and report back to council at the October meeting.

D. Mick: Mick reported that she had been contacted by KCC about doing some reports on the City electric contract with Mid Kansas Electric. Council advised her to help as best she could, but to not let it be too time consuming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Fuel cost adjustment was discussed at length. Pursuant to the Council’s authority under Ordinance 1066, D. Duskie made a motion to do away with the negative fuel cost adjustment that is passed on to the customer starting with the Oct. 18, 2017 meter reading. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES. The result of the Council’s decision will be that the fuel cost passed on to customers will no longer be adjusted downward; increases in fuel cost above the average rate of $0.0550 per KWH will, however, continue to pass to the customer.

2. D. Duskie stated that the City should not proceed with a City Sales Tax at this time. Council was in agreement

3. City will contact Heather Hartman about payment of AED device.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Greg Linton appointed Bruce Berkley as the new Municipal Judge. J. Cornely made a motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Bruce Berkley for the Municipal Judge position, at a yearly cost of $600.00, to be paid quarterly. L. Wiese seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES
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2. J. Cornely made a motion to place a $50.00 ad in the Lakeside High Yearbook. L. Wiese seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

3. The council had requested information at the August meeting in regards to the fence around the Horse Shoe Pit in the City park. D. Reling presented a quote from Solomon Valley Home Center. One quote was with gates and the other without gates.

   D. Duskie made a motion to replace the fence at the horse shoe pit with the quote that includes gates at an approximate cost of $1,382.00 to be taken out of the Parks & Rec. fund. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

COUNCIL REPORTS: Mayor Linton passed out some information in regards to sidewalk replacement and stated that he would like to discuss it at the next meeting. Discussion was held on attending the Solomon Valley Foundation meeting in Beloit on September 27, 2017. Mayor Linton stated he would be attending and asked Steve McMillan to also attend. Several council members expressed interest and would check their calendars. Council asked Clerk Mick to get the information out to the community and to also contact the Splash Pad committee.

8:45p.m –D. Duskie made a motion to adjourn. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK: