

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 13, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY,

Work Session-Sign off on bills

ROLL CALL: Carl Suter, Cole Eberle, Lisha Wiese, Barb Wise, Doug Bader

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, James Reed & City Attorney Chantz Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA: B. Wise made a motion to approve the March 9 regular council meeting C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES (D. Bader abstained) C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1532A. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: C. Suter made a motion to approve the fence permit for Cody Schlaefli. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to approve the fence permits for Steve Bader, Doug Lowdon & Nick Werthmann. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

L. Wiese made a motion to pass the livestock permit for Billy Johnson and Sam Bowles. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

D. Bader made a motion to approve the rental of the golf course club house on Sept. 3, 2022 for the White family reunion. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT & SCHEDULED VISITORS: Lakeside Students attending for current events class were: Peyton Ellis, Jace Schoen & Tyler Schoen, Scot Loyd – Loyd Group (auditor), Sheri Naasz from Cushing Ins. & Colleen Eberle-Mitchell Co. Murals

Scot Loyd of the Loyd Group Auditing firm went over the 2021 audit with the council. He briefly touched on several of the reports and stated that he saw no problems or issues with the Cities audit. Council had no questions and thanked him for coming and meeting with them. Sheri Naasz was present to give the EMC insurance renewal explanation of coverage. She briefly touched on the recent claim from the December wind storm. She reviewed the coverage on the buildings and equipment. Council asked questions in regards to the coverage on some of the buildings and Sheri was able to explain their questions. The premium increase was approximately \$2,600.00. D. Bader made a motion to accept the EMC insurance renewal. L. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Colleen Eberle was present to discuss the new mural project for Mitchell County. She provided information about the murals that are popping up all over the area. She stated that this is just another way to attract tourism, because people are traveling to towns to see the fabulous artistry that is being put on businesses. This project is being promoted by Beloit Chamber of Commerce, Solomon Valley Economic Development and Solomon Valley Community Foundation. Council agreed that this is an added attraction for Mitchell County. Some locations in Cawker City were discussed, they stated that they would like to move forward with this project. Council thanked Colleen for the information.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City attorney Martin reported that he had not received the Harr contract back yet and that he had contacted Agco Corp. in regards to the possible purchase of land east of the City municipal building. This land would be used for access for the new water tower project. Martin stated that the Mitchell County Attorney had contacted him about cleaning out an old evidence locker that is in the City of Cawker City shop. Martin stated that he

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would do a distraction of evidence report and would get it cleaned out. Attorney Martin also stated he would like to review the cyber security issue at the May meeting, Clerk Mick will put the information back in the May packet.

CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

C. Gullion: C. Gullion brought to the attention of the council that we have citizens turning water and electricity off without permission from the city. Attorney Martin stated this is a punishable act by law. This issue is covered in the city code book. Council advised clerk Mick to send out a reminder about this issue with the city utility billing. Gullion reported that a \$2,600.00 repair was done to the digger truck. This was approved by the mayor due to the excessive winds and not wanting the truck out of service. The bucket on the regular truck is needing some repair also. A quote from Osborne Industry was presented for \$600.00 to do all work needed. D. Bader made a motion to repair the bucket with Osborne Industry for \$600.00. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Gullion asked about getting rid of scrap since prices are up and the council gave him permission to go ahead and dispose of. Front tires are needed for the dump truck, Gullion presented prices for used tires from a private individual and a quote for new tires from Thompson Tire and Bob's. B. Wise made a motion to purchase 2 new tires from Bobs at a cost of \$355.00 -= \$710.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

D. Mick: Mick asked the council how they wanted to handle the spending of the funds from the ARPA distribution. Council felt that they should be advised prior to any of the spending out of this fund. Mick reported that she will start the April 30 reporting next week. Clerk Mick asked if it was okay to include the Hi-way 24 garage sale flyers in the utility billing and they all agreed that would be fine. Clerk Mick shared with the council some information she had received from the Leadership Mitchell Co. Board. Since the candidates are sponsored by businesses they were wondering if a contract should be drawn up between the sponsor and the candidates. The LMC board is noticing poor attendance and are feeling the candidates should be held responsible for their lack of attendance, council agreed that money had been given to the candidate to fill the obligation they signed up for. This will be addressed if the city is approached to be a sponsor in the future.

J. Reed: Had nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Summer help applications were presented to the council at 8:45 p.m. D. Bader made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Martin and Charles Gullion for 10 minutes. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES 8:55- C. Suter made a motion to return to regular session. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES (NO ACTION) D. Bader made a motion to hire John Hutson at \$11.00 @hr, David Reling at \$12.00 @ hr., Reed Walsh at \$9.50 @hr, & Ross Hutson at \$9.00 @ hr. for summer help. L. Wiese seconded motion carried 5 AYES
2. Employee payroll review was placed in the council packets. 9:00 p.m. – B. Wise made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Martin for 20 minutes. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES 9:20 C. Suter made a motion to return to regular session. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES (NO ACTION) B. Wise made a motion to give Charles Gullion, Mark Harding, Charles Lowe, Denelle Mick & Viki Aramendi a flat 3% pay increase effective May 1, 2022. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
3. The Waconda Baseball requested a donation for baseball equipment. B. Wise made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Waconda Baseball program. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

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4. Fire Department minutes were included in council packets

COUNCIL REPORTS: Mayor Duskie presented a letter from Katie Schroeder – Beloit City Attorney in regards to the judicial tax sale. She was asking the area mayors to sign to help get things moving with the Mitchell County Attorney towards a tax sale. The council discussed the letter with the mayor and the city attorney and decided to go ahead and sign the letter to participate. Mayor Duskie asked if the city would be willing to sell back some property that the city had previously purchased from #272 for a project they are working on. Council stated that they would like to have more information in regards what the district was wanting to use the property for. Mayor Duskie stated he would contact Superintendent Janssen and see if he would attend the May council meeting with more information.

9:40 p.m. – D. Bader a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

Approved:

City Clerk: