

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 12 2023 – 7:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY

Work Session-Sign off on bills:

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney – Chantz Martin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA: D. Bader made a motion to approve the March 8 regular council meeting. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES B. Wise made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1544A. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5AYES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: C. Eberle made a motion to approve the building permits for Jonathan Adams (small shed), D. Reling (storage shed) L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES L. Wiese made a motion to approve the livestock permit for Sam Bowles (chickens) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve the fence permits for Chris Thornton & David Reling. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS: Matt Alford, Jessica Marquina, David Reling & Sheri Naasz (EMC ins.)

Matt Alford was present to discuss the tree on the city right away west of his building. He shared his concerns in regards to the tree. C. Eberle made a motion to have the city remove the tree. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES Jessica Marquina was present to discuss trees south of her home that are in electric lines. She stated that the trees are inside her fenced in yard, the city can't reach them with there truck. The council advised her to have the tree trimmer come talk to the city crew and they would help find a solution to the problem. David Reling was present to discuss the repairs at the golf course. They still have not gotten an exact cost at the present time. Mayor Duskie stated that he and David should go visit the bank and find out some options and asked Clerk Mick to review the project with the budget writer and report back at the May meeting and to also check on possible grants. Sheri Naasz-Cushing Ins. was present to explain the benefits and changes in the current policy. She reviewed all the different sections that are covered and the deductibles. Workman comp policy now offers a Nurse on call program for the city to take advantage of. She asked C. Gullion and D. Mick to review the equipment and see if coverage was correct and if there was any equipment needed to be removed or deductible lowered. The council asked questions in regards to the policy and the raise in premiums, the premiums increased by \$2,400.00 yearly. D. Bader made a motion to renew the EMC insurance at a cost of \$48,635.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Martin stated that he is still working on the Agco property purchase. Attorney Martin reviewed the water storage tank project with council. B. Wise made a motion to accept the Gerard Tower bid for the new water storage tank. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

C. Gullion: Gullion stated that Johnson Service had found some more sewer locations that are needing lined at an additional \$9,000.00. B. Wise made a motion to go ahead and line the extra sewer lines at a cost \$9,000.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Gullion stated that all the camering of the sewer lines are complete. Gullion reported that the regulators have been installed and wondered about possibly rebuilding one of the regulators so we

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have extra in place. B. Wise made a motion to rebuild a regulator. L. Wiese seconded motion Motion carried 5 AYES
Gullion discussed the removal of poles at ball field with council.

D. Mick: Mick discussed the renewal of the Cities CD investments with council. Mayor Duskie and Clerk Mick will address this matter. A citizen asked if they could have a pit bull in town that serves as a therapy dog. City ordinance does not allow and consensus of council was to not allow.

J. Reed: nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Water tower project update- Loan amendment had been sent to KDHE
2. Update on storm drain project – project bid date Sept. 1, 2023
3. Ball field repairs – Council was brought up to date on the ballfield project. One pole has been removed, the sprinkler will be picked up at the school in Downs, the Waconda Chiefs organization will pay for grass seed, a quote for lighting was put in council packet. C. Eberle made a motion to purchase 4 lights at the cost of \$198.00 each - total cost of \$792.00. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Employee payroll review was placed in the council packets. 8:30 p.m. B. Wise made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Martin for 15 minutes. 8:45 L. Wiese made a motion to return to regular session. B. Wise 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, 2023. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
2. Clerk Mick reminded Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Doug Bader of the election filing deadline
3. Electric charges for food trailers were discussed no decision was made at this time
4. A resident had requested a child playing sign to be put up on Elm Street. Council stated there is know need to put one at this location at this time.
5. Appointment of Radonna Carver to housing board replacing Dayla Schmidt. L. Wiese made a motion to appoint Radonna Carver to housing board. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (B. Wise abstaining)
6. Summer help applications were presented to the council at 8:55 p.m. B. Wise 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. 9:05 D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES (No Action) B. Wise made a motion to hire John Hutson, Ross Hutson & David Reling for summer help, each receiving a \$1.00 per hour pay increase. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
7. Fire department minutes were placed in council packet and the council reviewed the ordinance in regards to the annual pay of the fire dept. Mayor Duskie stated that he would attend the next fire meeting to discuss this issue. A financial report for the fire department was placed in council packet and also emailed to Fire Chief Thorton.
8. Library Board replacements were presented. Radonna Carver and Jessica Zobel will be replacing Virginia Wilson & Betty Chance. B. Wise made the motion to place Radonna Carver and Jessica Zobel on the library board. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

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9:30p m. –D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES

Approved:

City Clerk: