

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 14, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY

Work Session-Sign off on bills:

Mayor Cole Eberle called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL: Jamie Cunningham, Doug Bader, Carl Suter

Mayor Cole Eberle made the appointments to City council as follows- Jake Wise taking Cole Eberle seat and Teresa Cobb taking Barbara Wise seat. D. Bader made a motion to approve the council appointments. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 3 AYES Clerk Mick administered the oath of office to J. Wise and T. Cobb C. Suter made a motion to appoint Doug Bader as council president. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (D. Bader abstained)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA: D. Bader made a motion to approve the January 10 regular council meeting minutes. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1554A. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 3 AYES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: D. Bader made a motion to approve the livestock permits for K. Phillips and S. Bowles for chickens. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve the building permit for SMC for concrete entrance. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (J. Wise abstained)

PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS: Kevin Moore-Carrico Impl., Chris Thornton-fire dept, Matt Alford-business activity proposal, Colleen Eberle-Give to Grow (Solomon Valley Foundation), Skyler Wise Road & water to new home.

Kevin Moore was present to discuss the purchase of a mini excavator for the city. Kevin answered questions in regard to the excavators warranty and lease agreement with Deere Credit. Consensus of council was to hold a special council meeting to discuss the purchase further and thanked Kevin for all the good service Carrico provides to the city. Chris Thornton was present to discuss the fire dept pay scale and the purchase of 5 new helmets. J. Wise made a motion to approve the purchase of the helmets to be paid out of the fire dept fund at an approximate cost of \$1,600.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. The fire dept ordinance will be updated at the March meeting. Matt Alford was present to ask about using the city park and ball of twine for an event on June 7 for a luau and movie. He also stated there would be food trucks in town also. J. Wise made a motion to allow the usage of the park and ball of twine. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Council stated it sounded good and asked Clerk Mick to check on insurance liability. Colleen Eberle was present to explain the Give to Grow program with Solomon Valley Community Foundation. She stated the foundation would have a program on April 24, 2024 to go over the matching funds available that would be available for the surrounding communities. Council asked about starting a program for Cawker City and stated they would be more interested in learning more about the possibilities. Skyler Wise was present to discuss his road and water lines to his new home.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Nothing to report

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CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

C. Gullion: Gullion reported on rock for 15th street to the corner of Ash to S. Wise new residence. Cost of rock will be \$3,520.00 + \$550.00 grading with a total cost of \$4070.00. After much discussion the city agreed to pay 80% and Skyler will pay 20% of this project. D. Bader made a motion to pay \$3,256.00 and Skyler will pay \$814.00. It was stressed by council that this project of road work is for a new residential build and all road work will be reviewed and subject to fund availability, feasibility, desire, and prioritization of projects. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (J. Wise abstained). This road will be maintained by the city and the council briefly touched base on possible street funding in the future. The water lines for the new residential build are waiting for KDHE permit approval at this time. C. Gullion stated that a resident would like a power pole installed and council reviewed with Gullion and the policy is that the pole will be billed out at \$100.00. Gullion reported that the transformer at the south well needs to be replaced at a cost of \$1,000.00. C. Suter made a motion to replace the transformer at a cost of \$1,000.00. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. C. Lowe will be attending the KRW convention in Wichita in March. Gullion stated that we have had 4 water leaks in the fourth ward block 10 in the last month and was wondering about replacing that area of town with new lines. He presented two quotes for this repair, one from Deep Creek and one from Krueger Backhoe. Both quotes were reviewed by council and the job was awarded to Krueger Backhoe. J. Wise made a motion to have Krueger Backhoe replace the water lines at a cost of \$67,299.00 and to be paid out of Sales tax reserve (fund established for water infrastructure) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Gullion stated that Johnson Service would be in town doing their annual inspections of the City sewer lines west of Lake Drive.

D. Mick: Clerk Mick reviewed Ord. 1195 with council. Discussion on tax abatement process was reviewed with council. Clerk Mick stated that the city audit would take place on February 29.

ORDINANCE: D. Bader made a motion to approve ordinance #1195 (\$3.50 base water increase effective on February billing cycle after publication) J. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on golf course repairs are at a standstill due to weather conditions
2. D. Reling was present to discuss sprinkler heads and grass seed for the golf course. J. Wise made a motion to allow \$2,500.00 for sprinkler heads and grass for golf course. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
3. Skyler Wise gave an update on ballfield work and stated they would be ordering dirt soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council had asked for a wage scale report from surrounding towns to use for new and present employees. This report was reviewed and tabled till the March meeting.
2. Schwab-Eaton asked for a design increase. Consensus of council is to approve the request from Schwab-Eaton to the Kansas Department of Transportation (K-dot) for an increase in the design budget for the CLIP project, to accommodate the expanded scope of work. This expansion encompasses the replacement of storm sewer infrastructure along Hwy 24, specifically from Holly St. to Elm St. The additional storm sewer work necessitated the generation of extra plan sheets, drainage calculations, pipe profiles, signage and pavement markings, and implementation of traffic control measures.

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3. Clerk Mick reported that the annual golf meeting would be February 15 at 7.
4. D. Bader made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Lakeside high after prom. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 5 AYES.
5. Clerk Mick was asked to start advertising for summer help to start working in May.
6. J. Wise made a motion to appoint Kathy Webster to the Cawker City housing board. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES.
7. D. Bader made a motion to appoint J. Wise & T. Cobb (alternate) to the KRWA board. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
8. J. Wise made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Cawker City Easter Egg hunt. D. Bader seconded Motion carried. 5 Ayes
9. Annual golf report was placed in council packet.

9:40 p.m.: D. Bader made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privileges with Attorney Martin, Clerk Mick and C. Gullion for 10 minutes. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

9:50 p.m. D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES **NO ACTION**

9:55 p. m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5AYES

Approved: 3/13/24

City Clerk:

Annelle Mick

