

CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
September 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY

Mayor Drew Duskie opened the 2024 public budget hearing & RNR hearing at 7:00 p.m. Jake Wise was present to ask questions in regards to the published budget. Questions in regards to RNR and the amount budgeted to the general fund was discussed. Anita Goertzen- budget writer had sent an explanation on most all questions that were submitted prior to the meeting. C. Eberle made a motion to pass resolution 4-2023 (revenue neutral rate). C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES B. Wise made a motion to pass the 2024 budget as printed. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to close the budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

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

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Jamie Cunningham, Carl Suter & Cole Eberle (Doug Bader absent)

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA** B. Wise made a motion to approve the August 9 regular council meeting minutes. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 3 AYES (Cole Eberle abstained) C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1549A. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** C. Eberle made a motion to approve building permits for Skyler Wise (new home) and Agco Corp for cement work. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Suter made a motion to approve fence permits for Lon Taylor (granting a 12ft variance) and Kristin Koster. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITOR :** Jake Wise, Skyler Wise, David Reling & Lon Taylor

Skyler Wise visited with the council in regards to the water lines for his new home. C. Gullion presented prices for 2", 4" and 6". The council discussed with Gullion on his suggestions and Gullion stated he would like to see a 4" line for fire protection. Approximate cost for the new line would be \$9,500.00 which would not include the labor, hydrant or valves. C. Eberle made a motion for the city to pay \$5,000.00 towards this project and the remaining amount to be paid by the homeowner. C. Suter seconded motion carried 3 AYES (B. Wise abstained) Skyler then spoke on some suggested improvements at the baseball field so it could be used for a practice field. After discussion council requested that Skyler come back to the October meeting with a plan and costs.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Martin stated the property purchase from Agco is almost completed.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** Gullion asked about having trees removed on 13<sup>th</sup> street so that the street could be graded at an approximate cost of \$900.00 with Remus Farms doing work. C. Eberle made a motion to remove trees. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Gullion stated that the electric department would like to purchase a phasing stick at a cost of \$1880.00. C. Eberle made a motion to purchase the phasing stick at a cost of \$1880.00. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**D. Mick:** D. Mick talked briefly on the water rate increase. She also made a presentation on a possible fence project at the new water tower, it was tabled at this time. Mick stated that fire chief Chris Thornton had reached out and wanted council approval to have fire trucks pump tested. Consensus of council was to have trucks tested.

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**J. Reed:** no report

**ORDINANCE:** C. Eberle made a motion to pass Ordinance 1189 (water base rate increase of \$3.50) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES B. Wise made a motion to pass Ordinance 1190 & 1191 (standard traffic and Uniform public offense) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2023 to establish golf course project fund. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Suter made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2023 to transfer funds to the established golf course project fund. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water tower project update- Daily progress
2. C. Suter made a motion accept the bid from Versa Sport of the repair of the golf course project. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
3. C. Gullion reported that the merry go round at the Lakeside Park had been repaired.
4. Clerk Mick reported that the camera and lighting were finished on the mural

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion on a camera to be located on the west end of city park and the possibility of putting an antenna on top of the new water tower. Council asked Clerk Mick to call Chad Carter in regards to these two issues and ask him to come to the October meeting

9:00 p. m. – C. Suter made a motion to adjourn. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Approved: 10/11/23

City Clerk:

*Denelle Mick*