

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY, KS

Oath of office was given to Mayor Doug Bader, Council members J. Cunningham & Teresa Cobb prior to the special council meeting held on Jan 2, 2025

Work Session-Sign off on bills:

Mayor Doug Bader called the regular council meeting to order

ROLL CALL: Jake Wise, Teresa Cobb, Jamie Cunningham & Carl Suter

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, Jo Biddle, Viki Aramendi & City Attorney Chantz Martin

PUBLIC VISITORS: Darin Prince-KMEA, Julia Rabe-SVCF, Chris-Misty Thornton & Marge Nyhoff

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA: J. Wise made the motion to approve the minutes from Dec. 11 regular council & Jan. 2 2025 special council meeting. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

C. Suter made a motion to approve Claims Ord. 1565A. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: J. Wise made a motion to approve Livestock permit for Kay Jones (chickens) C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

C. Suter made a motion to place Steve McMillan in place as a council member to take Doug Bader remaining one year term on the council. J. Cunningham seconded Motion carried 4 AYES. Mayor Bader thanked Steve for taking the open seat and asked him to take his place at the council table. Clerk Mick gave him the Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC VISITORS: Julia Rabe was present to give a presentation on the Dream Big 2.0 grant program. She explained the grant to the council and answered questions. Council thanked her for coming and they would discuss it further on participation. Darin Prince from KMEA was present to review the electric rate study that he had prepared for the city. He went over the presentation and answered questions from the council, then gave his recommendations. Council agreed to move forward with his rate increases and asked City attorney Martin to draw up a new electric rate utility ordinance and they would look at it at the February council meeting. Council thanked him for coming and giving them good advice on keeping the cities electric utility rates up to date. Chris Thornton was present to discuss the recent snow storm and how the city handled the removal of the snow. Mayor Bader stated that the issue was set to be discussed further and that he did agree that the City should have a better plan. Thornton asked about possibly getting some better tires for the fire trucks. Council asked C. Gullion to get prices and report back to the February council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Nothing to report on

CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

C. Gullion: Gullion stated the cost for the line stop where the old water tower set would be \$4,500.00 (6-inch line)

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Gullion reported that the hitch on the brown truck needed some work. J. Wise made a motion to fix hitch on brown truck and C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

D. Mick: Clerk Mick reported that she had moved Viki Aramendi to contract labor and that Jo Biddle was doing a good job.

J. Reed: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

There were know updates on the storm drain project. Old water tower property was briefly discussed. A monitoring meeting on the CDBG water tower project will be held on February 6 at the city office.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor D. Bader asked the council to make a nomination for Council president. T. Cobb nominated C. Suter; J. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (C. Suter abstained.) Carl Suter is now Council president
2. Mayor Bader then made the following appointments- Finance/permit/youth (J. Wise & J. Cunningham) Equipment/police (C. Suter – S. McMillan) Fire dept/streets/alleys/parks (J. Wise & T. Cobb) Electric/Water (J. Cunningham-S. McMillan) Sewer/tree board/landfill (T. Cobb & C. Suter)
3. J. Wise made a motion to approve the 2025 Fire dept officers. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
4. Much discussion on the recent snow storm and how removal was handled. All agreed that we needed to have a policy in place. Council asked clerk Mick to research and report back at the February council meeting

9:25 p.m.- J. Wise made a motion to adjourn C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

Approved: 2/12/25

City Clerk:

Aimee Hara

