

CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
**April 10, 2019** 7:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY,

Work Session-Sign off on bills

Mayor Greg Linton present and presiding called the meeting to order

**ROLL CALL:** Jan Cornely, Lisha Wiese, Drew Duskie, Cole Eberle, Doug Bader

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** David Reling, Denelle Mick & City Attorney Chantz Martin

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:** Sheri Naasz – Cushing Ins., Mason Duskie, Tyrell Thornton, Devin Crawford, Mathew Seward, Cody Youngblood

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

D. Bader made a motion to approve the corrected March 13 regular council minutes. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

J. Cornely made a motion to approve Claims ord. #1496A. D. Duskie seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Duskie made a motion to approve fence permit for Pat Magnarella, C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & SCHEDULED VISITORS:** Sheri Naasz was present to discuss the EMC insurance renewal for the City. Sheri stated that there were very little changes to the policy. Council asked questions about the coverage on equipment and buildings. Total cost of the EMC renewal for 2019 will be \$39,964.00. D. Bader made a motion to renew the City insurance with EMC-Cushing Ins. at a cost of \$39,964.00. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**STAFF REPORT:**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** City Attorney Martin reported on the tax exemptions and that they have been sent into the state. Attorney Martin lead a brief discussion on the City sales tax proposal, he provided some information to the council and Mayor and how to proceed with the process. Consensus of the council was to move forward and to establish a committee of Cawker City citizens to help discuss the sales tax issue with the public. Names from the community were submitted. C. Eberle stated that he would contact Heather Hartman and get some dates and times for a special meeting with the submitted names, so a committee could be formed. When dates and time are set the council asked Clerk Mick to send out letters to the individuals.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**D. Reling:** Reling reported that the JD 15-foot bat wing mower was needing to be repaired. The mower was taken to Carrico Implement. Carrico stated that the drive shaft was causing the problem, approximate cost of repair would be around \$1,100.00 (JR brand replacement drive shaft) D. Bader made a motion to purchase a drive shaft for the bat wing mower at an approximate cost of \$1,100.00. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES To keep the zero turn mowers on a rotation one now has 1,000 hrs. D. Bader made a motion to trade in one zero turn mower at Carrico Impl. and purchase a new Z930M zero turn mower at a cost of \$4,750.00. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Reling also stated that the skid steer now has 100 hours, so according to the lease it is time to get another one on its way, he asked about adding the high-flow option to the new one at an additional \$2,000.00. The high-flow option is

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needed to run other pieces of equipment on the skid steer. Council was able to view how a planer could be used on the streets and the up-flow option would be needed on the skid steer if the City decided to purchase a planer. D. Bader made a motion to upgrade the new skid steer to a high-flow at an approximate cost of \$3,000.00 from Carrico Impl. D. Duskie seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES Reling then brought to the council's attention the 1983 540 Ford, this tractor is in need of tires and other repairs. Reling asked council how much they were wanting to spend on this tractor. He stated that he had done some checking on possibly leasing a tractor from Carrico Impl. He presented a quote on a 65 horse power JD tractor with a loader. The lease payment would be approximately \$4665.00 every 6 months and at the end of 5 years the City would own the tractor. The council discussed this option with Reling and Clerk Mick. J. Cornely made a motion to lease a 65 horse power JD tractor with loader from Carrico Implement at an approximate lease payment of \$4,665.00 every 6 months and the City would own it at the end of 5 years. L. Wiese seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES Reling stated that he needed to purchase street culvert for Locust street at a cost of \$1,200.00. D. Duskie made a motion to purchase about \$1,200.00 worth of culvert for Locust Street. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Reling also needed to purchase #2 triplex at a cost of \$1,200.00. J. Cornely made a motion to purchase the #2 triplex at a cost of \$1,200.00. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5AYES Reling also reported on recent water leaks and advised council that this was becoming a serious matter.

D. Mick: Mick stated that there have been some inquiries into trees for the Cawker City residents, she stated that the City had not done a tree program for several years. C. Eberle made a motion to allow a \$50.00 coupon per resident/utility account holder to purchase a tree or a shrub from Great Plains Landscaping in Beloit (with a \$1,000.00 total coupon purchases). L. Wiese seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES Council instructed Clerk Mick to place an article in the Cawker Ledger advising the public about this. Farmers and Merchants Bank will be sponsoring a community shred day sometime in May.

J.Shelton: Shelton was not present

**ORDINANCE:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. The old City/County building on Lake Drive was discussed further. Clerk Mick and D. Reling have spoken to a couple contractors in regards to repairs on the building. Council tabled until more information was made available of the exact repairs needing done and cost.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Clerk Mick reported that there were several applications coming in for summer help. Council stated they would review with D. Reling at a later time.
2. Clerk Mick reminded C. Eberle, D. Bader & J. Cornely of the council filing deadline of June 1.

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3. Clerk Mick presented City payroll information in the council packets.
4. Clerk Mick requested that the City change their long-distance service back to Cunningham Telephone. D. Duskie made the motion to change the City long distance service to Cunningham Telephone. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

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5. Dollar General had inquired about CMB license. The council reviewed our current CMB ordinance and discussed it with City Attorney Martin and felt the ordinance needs to be updated. Council instructed Attorney Martin to update said Ordinance so it could be reviewed at the May council meeting.
6. Semi-trucks being parked on residential streets were discussed and the damage they were causing to the City streets. Council man D. Bader stated that he had visited with a couple of the truck owners about the street damage. Discussion was that the City provide a location on the edge of town for them to park. Also, weight limits were discussed. This subject was tabled for further discussion.
7. Clerk Mick reminded Mayor and council that the City office would be closed Friday, April 19 at noon in observant of Good Friday.
8. Fence permit applications were discussed and the possibility of changing the height allowance. The consensus of the council was to leave it as is, giving the council the right to review each fence permit. The height would differ according to location.

**8:50 p.m.** - D. Duskie made a motion to go in executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Chantz Martin present for 15 minutes. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**9:00 p.m.** - D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. D. Duskie seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES (NO ACTION)

D. Bader made a motion to give the following pay increases. V. Aramendi .25, C. Guillion .50, D. Mick .50, M. Harding.50, D. Reling .50 to be effective on the May 6 pay day. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**9:02 p.m.** – C. Eberle made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Chantz Martin and David Reling present for 10 minutes. D. Duskie seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**9:10 p.m.** - D. Bader made a motion to return to regular session. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES (NO ACTION) D. Bader stated that the summer help hiring would be left up to David Reling.

D. Reling asked permission to start watching Purple Wave Auction for several items the City is looking to purchase. The consensus of council was to allow him to watch Purple Wave Auction for items needed.

**9:15 p.m.** - D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. D. Duskie seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK: