

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2019 7:00 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, Drew Duskie, Doug Bader, Cole Eberle (Lisha Wiese absent)

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: David Reling, Denelle Mick & Jeff Shelton

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: Michelle Huddle (City auditor), Heather Hartman (Mitchell Co. Community Development Director), JJ Hoffman, City appointed Sales Tax committee – Ross Weber, Barb Wise, Kathy Webster, Skyler Wise, Glenna May, Dionn Hake & Warren Applebee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONSENT AGENDA:

D. Bader made a motion to approve the corrected June 12 regular council minutes and the July 1 special meeting C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

D. Duskie made a motion to approve Claims ord. 1499A. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

APPOINTMENTS:

PERMIT APPLICATIONS: No permits were presented

PUBLIC COMMENT & SCHEDULED VISITORS: City Auditor Michelle Huddle addressed the City Sales Tax committee. She told them she was present to answer their questions in regards to the City of Cawker City putting a 1% sales tax on the November 2019 ballot. Several from the group asked questions pertaining to the spending of the City of Cawker City. Michelle stated that the City spends their money very wisely and that she could not see any areas that they could cut their spending at this time. She then explained to the them the value of a City mill and how it would affect the property owners in town. She again stressed to the group that a city sales tax everyone pays versus a raise of mills to the property tax only your local property owners pay this increase. The committee thanked her for the information and stated they would work to visit with the public in regards to this issue. Michelle then addressed the Mayor and council in regards to the 2018 City audit. She explained the computation the state is using for funding a Police Department. Since the city no longer has a police officer on duty the remaining money from the state needed to be set aside in a separate fund. She then reviewed all the rest of the audit and explained she found no problems with the City accounting. The council asked a few questions and thanked her for coming.

7:40 - J. Cornely made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with city auditor Michelle Huddle present for 15 minutes. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

7:55 - D. Bader made a motion to come back into regular session. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES (NO ACTION)

J. Cornely made a motion to accept and approve the 2018 audit. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

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Ross Weber and JJ Hoffman were present to discuss with the council about the need to replace the City fire truck. The present trucks need repair and parts are obsolete for them. Council told them at this time they would need a lot more information in regards to this matter. Heather Hartman then addressed the council and firemen and told them there were grants out there, she stated they would need some matching funds available before they should apply for any kind of grant. At the present time the fire department only has \$2,283.54 towards this project. Some suggestions were possibly a hamburger feed benefit, a raffle of some kind. Council also asked the department to give them some idea how much they were looking at spending for a truck and to keep the council updated on their ideas. Council then thanked them for their community service as a volunteer fireman. D. Duskie made a motion to start working on a grant for the fire department with Heather Hartman assisting. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

STAFF REPORT:

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Martin was not present

CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

D. Reling: Reling stated that he was waiting on quotes on cleaning and getting the efficiency up on the wells. He reported he had purchased some #6 tri-plex at a cost of \$1,200.00. The chlorinator tester has quit so he will be replacing it at an approximate cost of \$450.00. Reling reported that the new generator was all set up and was working great.

D. Mick: Mick reported to council that she had talked to the City of Glen Elder about using their porta pots for the Mud Volleyball on Friday August 16. They stated that we could use them.

J. Shelton: Jeff gave a brief report. Council reviewed his report and asked questions. Building permits were discussed pertaining to renters moving buildings in. Ordinance and code states that the property owner is the one to obtain a building permit. Jeff stated that he had really good response when he called people in regards to blowing grass in the streets. He stated that he comes to town periodically and drives around to check on the town. He also asked for signed complaint forms to be used.

ORDINANCE: D. Bader made a motion to approve Resolution 02-19 (transfer of money according to the 2019 budget) D. Duskie seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. City cleanup and a Secure Shred was tabled to the August meeting
2. Clerk Mick reported that she was still waiting on a quote on the insurance coverage for the Cawker City picnic activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. D. Bader made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Cawker City Community Club for the food stand at the Cawker City picnic. J. Cornely seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
2. D. Duskie made a motion to establish a police reserve fund. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
3. Mayor Linton reported to the council that the City of Osborne was having trouble replacing their electrical lineman and they had approached Mark Harding about helping them out if needed. The council agreed

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that it would be okay to help out, but wanted them to understand that the City of Cawker City came first. The consensus of council was to draw up the same kind of agreement the City had made with the City of Downs. They asked Clerk Mick to call City attorney Chantz Martin and ask him to draw up the agreement and present at the August council meeting. D. Bader made a motion to accept the agreement with the City of Osborne. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

4. The council and D. Reling touched briefly on updating some of the City fees. Council asked Reling to get a list together and present it at the next council meeting.
5. Clerk Mick reminded council that the August 14, 2019 council meeting would start at 7:00 p.m. due to the 2020 Public budget hearing.
6. Drainage issues at the corner of Elm and Wisconsin were discussed and tabled till further information could be provided.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

9:10 p.m. - D. Duskie made a motion to adjourn. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK: