

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2022

7:30 p.m.

The Mulvane City Council convened at the City Building at 211 N. Second at 7:30 p.m. Presiding was Mayor Shelly Steadman, who called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Nancy Farber Mottola, Tim Huntley, Brent Allen, Kevin Cardwell, and Amanda Ford.

**Others Present:** Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Kent Hixson, J.T. Klaus, Gordon Fell, Joel Pile, Rachael Blackwell, Chris Young, and other interested citizens.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Steadman.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 8-15-2022:**

MOTION by Huntley, second by Mottola to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 8-15-22. MOTION approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Councilmember Huntley was contacted by a citizen in favor of franchising the trash service.

**Review and Closing of the Agenda:** New Business Item #3 for Zoning Case #Z-2022-01 will not be heard. The applicant has withdrawn their application.

**Appointments, Awards and Citations:** None

**Revenue Neutral Rate and 2023 Annual City Budget Public Hearing:**

Mayor Steadman welcomed everyone interested in the hearing and commended staff for their work in creating a fiscal plan which addresses the needs of the city today and in the future. Mayor Steadman asked for a show of hands for anyone wishing to speak and asked each person to limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Mottola to recess the 9-07-22 City Council meeting to hold a public hearing regarding the 2023 City of Mulvane Budget and proposed property tax levy in excess of the revenue neutral rate.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Public comment regarding the 2023 City of Mulvane Budget and proposed mill levy increase was heard from: Lara Payton, Camilla Jensen, Luke Cole, Jenifer Dillinger, Kim Williams, Rob Reuter, Cathy McKerracher, Mark Hedrick, Francisco Schmalbach, Trenton Miller-Mitts, and Josh Bushman.

Citizens were concerned about the burden a tax increase would have.

After the public comment, staff addressed the citizens questions and concerns. City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, reviewed the process and explained how the value is set.

Mayor Steadman advised that the council had received a letter from Steve Carden and Realtors of South Central Kansas. These letters will be received and filed into the record.

After further discussion from the council on the mill levy increase, Mayor Steadman gave closing remarks.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to close the public hearing and reconvene the 9-07-22 City Council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to pass Resolution No. 2022-17 which declares intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate as computed by the County Clerk. MOTION approved by roll call vote: Allen/yes, Huntley/yes, Mottola/yes, Cardwell/yes, Ford/yes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MULVANE, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.

##### **Adoption of City Budget:**

Mottola would like to see an eight (8) mill increase and borrow the remaining funds from the Utilities. Mottola is concerned with the increase to citizens since the City is not the only entity increasing the mill levy. Allen was also concerned with the impact on the citizens. Council expressed concern about the detriment it would have on our ability to refurbish and continue to work on our ability to generate power.

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, indicated the City already has a repayment fund in the budget to address the Casino issue without borrowing from the Utilities. If the council wishes, this fund could be reduced to levy a smaller amount. Council discussed taking action now and not extending the issue.

MOTION by Huntley, second by Cardwell to adopt 2023 Annual City budget as proposed.

MOTION approved 3 -2 with Mottola and Allen opposed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Ks. League of Municipalities Annual Conference Appoint voting delegate(s):**

In order to vote at the LKM annual conference, the city council must designate voting delegate(s). The city may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote if the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to appoint Amanda Ford as a voting delegate to the 2022 League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference.

MOTION approved unanimously.

### **2. Kansas Power Pool – Name Change Resolution:**

The City of Mulvane, Kansas (the “City”) is a member city of the Kansas Power Pool (“KPP”), a Municipal Energy Agency (the “KPP”). The Board of Directors of the KPP desires to simplify and change the entity’s name to “KPP Energy, a Municipal Energy Agency.” This will be accomplished via a Second Amendment to the Agreement Creating the KPP. The KPP requests that the city approve and adopt a Resolution to approve the Second Amendment.

This initiative is only a name change. The KPP will remain the same municipal energy agency formed and controlled by its member cities and no other changes are contemplated by this amendment.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Ford to approve Resolution No. 2022-18 authorizing the Kansas Power Pool to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement Creating the KPP to change its name to “KPP Energy, a Municipal Energy Agency.”

MOTION approved unanimously.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NAME CHANGE TO THE KANSAS POWER POOL (“KPP”), A MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY (THE “KPP”); APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT CREATING THE KPP; AND AUTHORIZING THE KPP TO EXECUTE SUCH SECOND AMENDMENT AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

## **ENGINEER**

### **1. Project Review and Update:**

City Engineer, Chris Young, reviewed the status of the current projects with the council which include: Main "A" Sanitary Sewer Improvements - (Easements for this project will be approved on the Consent Agenda), Rock Road Lift Station Abandonment, Rock Road Mill & Overlay - (Pre-construction meeting was held on September 1st. Work is anticipated to begin on September 12th).

**City Clerk:** None

**City Administrator:** None

**City Attorney:** None

**Consent agenda items 1 - 6:**

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 6.

1. Payrolls dated 8-19-22 (\$243,948.44) and 9-02-22 (\$242,703.98).
2. City Utility Bills (\$24,359.53).
3. Purchase of approx. 5,600 gallons of CSS-1H road oil from Vance Brothers in the amount of \$19,892.25.
4. Purchase of one (1) 500KVA and one (1) 150KVA transformer in the amount of \$64,107.23 from Stanion Wholesale Electric.
5. Sewer Main A Project - Accept easements.
6. Accept the low bid from Bridgewell in the total amount of \$26,967.45 for the wooden poles.

MOTION approved 4 - 0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Monday, September 19th @ 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by Huntley, second by Ford to adjourn the city council meeting.

MOTION approved 4 - 0 at 9:37 p.m.

Minutes by:  
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk