

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 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: Tim Huntley, Brent Allen, Kevin Cardwell, Nancy Farber Mottola, and Amanda Ford.

Others Present: Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Kent Hixson, Chris Young, Kevin Baker, Joel Pile, Colin Hansen, Larry Holloway, James Ging, Catherine Parker, Sharlyn Lorg, and other citizens.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 11-07-2022:

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Allen to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 11-07-22. MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Councilmember Huntley spoke with some citizens regarding Christmas lights on downtown buildings. Councilmember Cardwell received a message from a citizen opposing the organized trash collection.

Review and Closing of the Agenda: Addition of two liquor licenses under the Consent Agenda for Luciano's and Mulvane Liquor.

Appointments, Awards and Citations: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rock Road Substation-Transformer Changes- Kansas Power Pool (KPP):

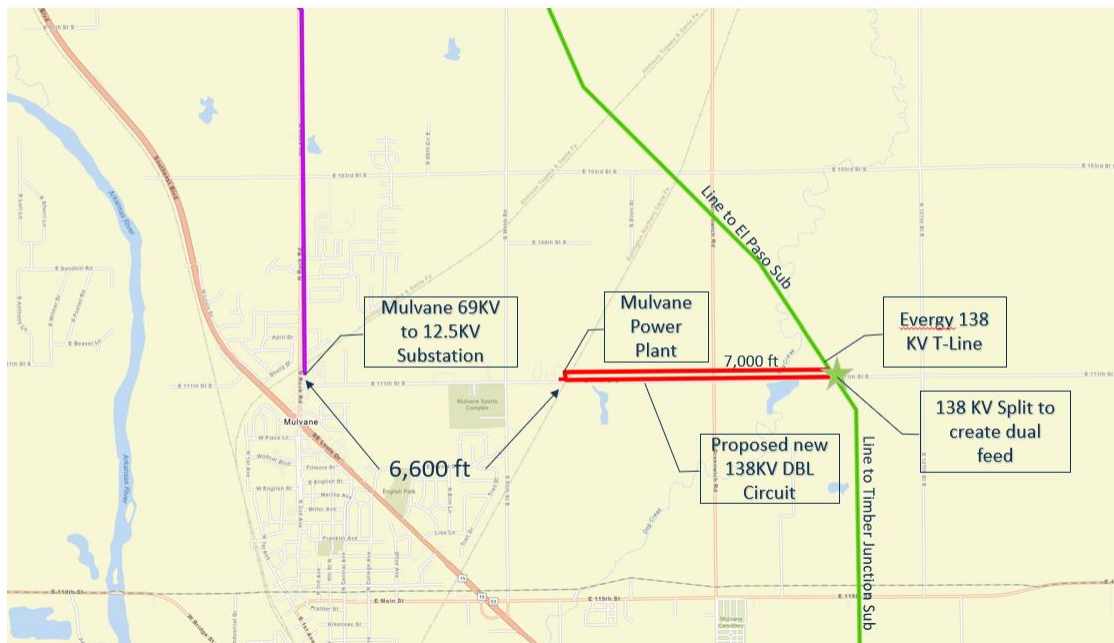
Colin Hansen and Larry Holloway of KPP reviewed information with the council. Currently the City's electric distribution system is connected to the Evergy transmission system by about 5½ miles of 69 kV line that runs from the City's substation north along Rock Road to a 138/69 kV transformer in the Evergy El Paso substation. This 69 kV line is owned and operated by the city and connects to the City's substation.

In 2021 KPP issued debt on behalf of the City to rebuild the existing substation and as part of that project ordered a new 69/12 kV transformer. The 69/12 kV transformer was scheduled for delivery May 2023 at a cost of \$757,431.00 from Niagara Power Transformer Corp.

Recently PEC began studying options the City could implement to improve electric supply reliability. Given that the City's electric supply is exposed to traffic mishaps on Rock Road, and the current operable generating units cannot cover the City load at all times of the year, one of the options explored was obtaining a redundant electric supply. An option that was being explored by

KPP, PEC and the City was connecting to a redundant 69 kV source. The nearest redundant 69 kV source was identified on an Evergy line west and north of the casino. A redundant 69 kV line to that source would involve a switching station and approximately 7 miles of 69 kV line, including a difficult interstate and river crossing. A meeting was set up with Evergy, PEC, KPP and the City to discuss this option.

During this meeting with Evergy, Evergy provided an alternative plan. Evergy proposed that if the city would request an alternative delivery point on the nearby 138 kV line, that Evergy would be willing to install a double circuit 138 kV switching station near the City power plant. This proposal is illustrated below:



The proposed double circuit 138 line would be on steel structures and run approximately 1½ miles down E. 111th Street to a 138 kV switching station. Evergy proposed that they would construct the 138 kV facilities if the City would provide them easements for the property available at the power plant. The City would need to construct a substation with a 138/12kV transformer at the same location instead of rebuilding the existing substation and agree to abandon its existing 69 kV interconnection at the El Paso substation.

Working with Electricomm, the Project Engineer, KPP has contacted Niagra to inquire about the possibility of keeping the transformer construction “queue” but upgrading the transformer to 138/12 kV, Niagra responded and said they could keep the current manufacturing schedule and changing from 69 kV to 138 kV would change the cost to \$1,071,140. The delivery schedule is still good, and the offer is good until November 30, 2022.

The proposal by Evergy presents several clear advantages to both the City’s current supply plans and any future plans to obtain a redundant 69 kV supply. The City will no longer be required to maintain its existing 69 kV line and will not need to construct and maintain an even longer 69 kV line to achieve redundant power supplies. Evergy’s solution will essentially install a redundant

138 kV feed into the city. Should the 138 power from the north (the El Paso substation) be interrupted, Evergy's switches at the new switching station will open up and the city will be fed from the south. Should the 138 power from the south be interrupted the new switching station will open up that feed and the city will be fed from the north. While both circuits will be on the same Evergy structures, the steel construction will be sturdier and more resilient, and the exposure will only be approximately 1 ½ miles, near a far less traveled road than Rock Road. Finally, in the future much of Evergy's 69 kV will be converted to 138 kV and this will allow the City to make that transition now, instead of a costly transition in the future.

One concern that has been expressed is that the current plan to install a redundant 69/12 kV transformer at the Mulvane substation does provide redundant transformation on the 69 kV. However, it should be noted that the City's current 69 kV supply depends on a single 138/69 kV transformer in the El Paso substation. In conclusion, the change to a 138/12 kV substation along with the proposed changes on Evergy's side will provide a superior solution from both a reliability and economic standpoint. For this reason, KPP recommends the City revise its plans to a 138/12 kV substation and the associated equipment and engineering.

KPP will notify Niagra of the change to a 138/69 kV transformer and make the necessary filings to change the City's transmission delivery point from 69 to 138 kV. KPP has reviewed the bond issue for rebuilding the City's substation and this change is allowed under existing bond covenants. This will increase the cost of the substation rebuild. However, it will be far less expensive than both maintaining the existing 69 kV line and installing a second 69 kV line across an interstate and a river.

If the Council approves a change to a 138 kV substation on November 21, 2022, KPP will have adequate time to change the transformer order and begin the necessary steps to change the substation rebuild plans.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Ford to approve revising the scope of the city electric substation work from installing a 69/12 kV transformer to building a new substation with a 138/12 kV transformer and instructing KPP to take the necessary steps to change the City's electric supply to 138 kV.

MOTION approved unanimously.

2. Organized Residential Solid Waste Collection Service – Resolution of Intent:

City resident, Catherine Parker, was present to address the council regarding this issue. She first attended the council meeting on August 1, 2022 and asked the Council to consider limiting solid waste collection in the city to one provider, identifying potential benefits. She reviewed her most recent trash bill and advised of continued increases.

Mayor Steadman gave a review of the process to date and stated the council could proceed without requiring the citizens to participate in the service. The council previously directed the City Attorney to draft a Resolution of Intent to get the process started. Mayor Steadman asked if any councilmember wished to remove themselves from discussing this item. There were none. Mayor Steadman advised if the council wished to proceed, it would be a two (2) year process.

There was much discussion from the City Council. Cardwell felt the citizens should be able to choose their own provider, and was in support of small business. Allen would like the citizens to have a choice and thought it should be on a ballot to vote. Huntley felt this could save customers money and was in support of organized trash service. Ford felt the citizens should be able to choose and should not be forced to recycle.

MOTION by Huntley, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-19, a Resolution of Intent to consider establishing an organized waste collection service for the City of Mulvane.
Motion died for lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Utility Dept. – Purchase a new pick-up truck:

Public Works/Utility Director, Kevin Baker, reviewed this item with the council. The electric division of Public Works has three field trucks in the fleet. These three (3) pickups are used by lineman and the utility supervisor for transportation purposes to and from job sites, running parts, general field maintenance, trouble shooting and service calls. A new truck was budgeted for in 2022 for the utility division of Public Works. The new truck would replace the 2015 Chevrolet Crew Cab 3/4 ton 4X4 with 113,678 miles.

Three (3) RFPs were sent out, with one (1) proposal being returned.

Rusty Eck Ford	\$59,809.74
Don Hatton	No Response
Mel Hamilton	No Response

Delivery will take 18 to 26 weeks. Funds for the purchase of a new field truck are available in the New Equipment line item of electric distribution.

MOTION by Allen, second by Huntley to approve the purchase of One (1) 2023 Ford F350 Crew Cab Truck with Flatbed from Rusty Eck Ford for a total of \$59,809.74 plus applicable taxes and fees.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Baker was asked about the possible power outage that was scheduled for November 17th. Councilmember Allen would like an update for what went right and if anything went wrong, in order to gain knowledge moving forward for the future. Baker advised everything went very well and the City was able to generate enough electricity to manage the city's load during the transformer transfer. Council expressed their gratitude to City crews in preparing for this transfer. Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) is doing a generation study to assess the current status of the City's power plant and estimated future electric needs. The council will decide what path to take regarding our power plant and future generation. Rick Wheeler with Wheeler World Inc. should be here the first of December to assess our damaged engine and estimate the repairs needed to rebuild. Baker also advised the council that the Christmas tree and decorations were set up downtown.

ENGINEER

Project Review and Update:

City Engineer, Chris Young, reviewed the following projects with the council.

Downtown Splash Pad Park - City staff is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Snodgrass & Sons to review their qualifications statement, project team and approach to the project.

Sewer Main "A" - Young & Assoc. have examined alternative approaches to constructing the project in smaller construction phases. A "Phase 1" bid package was distributed to eight (8) prospective bidders on November 18th with a bid date of December 14th.

Rock Road Lift Station Abandonment - No Change.

City Clerk: None

City Administrator: The Disaster Guide has been sent to the City Council and acknowledgement forms have been distributed for signature.

City Attorney: None

Consent agenda items 1 - 6:

MOTION by Allen, second by Ford to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 6.

1. Payroll dated 11-10-22 (\$225,024.41).
2. Warrant Register (\$1,051,473.73).
3. Cereal Malt Beverage license for Dollar General Store.
4. Rock Road Overlay Project – Approve APAC invoice (\$667,812.30).
5. Liquor License for Luciano's.
6. Liquor License for Mulvane Liquor.

MOTION approved 4-0. Mottola abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Next council meeting - Monday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.
- Mottola asked about the possibility of establishing a Veteran's Memorial Park. Council liked the idea, and a possible location was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to adjourn the city council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk