

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2023

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.

Councilmembers Present: Tim Huntley, Kevin Cardwell, Brent Allen, and Nancy Farber Mottola.

Others Present: Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Kent Hixson, Chris Young, Joel Pile, J.T. Klaus, Kurtis Westfall, Shelly Westfall, James Ging, Larry Holloway, Colin Hansen.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 5-01-23:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 5-01-23. MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Mayor Steadman shared that as part of a civic leader tour, she was given the opportunity to travel from McConnell AFB to the Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware and toured several facilities there. Mayor Steadman was very grateful for the opportunity.

Review and Closing of the Agenda: None

Appointments, Awards and Citations:

Appoint New Councilmember:

Former Councilmember Amanda Ford is moving out of state and submitted her resignation from the council effective April 30, 2023.

Charter Ordinance 21 of the City provides: In case of a vacancy in the council occurring by reason of resignation, death, or removal from office or from the city, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the remaining councilmembers, shall appoint an elector to fill the vacancy until the next election for that office.

Mayor Steadman recommended the appointment of Kurtis Westfall to fill the unexpired term of former Councilmember Ford.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Huntley to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kurtis Westfall to the City Council.

MOTION approved 3 - 0 with Mottola abstaining.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Westfall.

Boards and Commissions:

Mayor Steadman made recommendations to the City Council for the following Boards and Commissions.

Library Board:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to reappoint Mandy Roderick to a four-year term on the Library Board.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Based on his experience with IT and finance, which are valuable skills for our current board composition, along with strong ties to the Mulvane area, Mayor Steadman recommended Tyler Miranda to the Library Board.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Allen to appoint Tyler Miranda to a four-year term on the Library Board.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Planning Commission:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to reappoint Diane Paul to the Mulvane Planning Commission for Sedgwick Co. - City to a three-year term.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Allen, second by Mottola to appoint Justin Cummins to the Mulvane Planning Commission for Sedgwick Co. - Rural to a three-year term.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Huntley, second by Allen to appoint Paul Malanchuk to the Mulvane Planning Commission for Sumner Co. - City to a three-year term.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Tree Board:

MOTION by Allen, second by Huntley to reappoint Gary Showalter, Leanna Yohe, Jerry Quigley, and Kayla McCulloch to three-year terms on the Mulvane Tree Board.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Mulvane Recreation Commission:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to reappoint Ron Hladik to a four-year term on the Mulvane Recreation Commission for the City position.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Mulvane Historical Society:

MOTION by Allen, second by Cardwell to reappoint Kent Hixson to a four-year term on the Mulvane Historical Society City position.

MOTION approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. KPP - 138/12 kV Interconnection and Approve Electric Load Connection Study:

Colin Hansen with KPP gave a brief update on rate relief. KPP has decreased their base rate by 13.1%. The Uri storm surcharge is 88% paid off and may be fully paid off by the end of July. KPPs focus is on affordability and reliability.

James Ging reviewed the Mulvane 138/12kV Interconnection with the Council. Currently the City's electric distribution system is connected to the Evergy transmission system by about 5 ½ 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 at a cost of \$757,431,000 from Niagara Power Transformer Corp.

PEC studied 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, Evergy would then be willing to install a double circuit 138 kV switching station near the city power plant.

The proposed double circuit 138 line would be on steel structures and run approximately 1 ½ 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 138/12 kV transformer at the same location instead of rebuilding the existing substation and agree to abandon its existing 138/69 kV interconnection at the El Paso substation.

Working with Electricomm, the project engineer, KPP contacted Niagara to inquire about the possibility of keeping the transformer construction "queue" but upgrading the transformer to 138/12 kV, Niagara responded and said they could keep the current manufacturing schedule and that changing from 69 kV to 138 kV would change the cost to \$1,071,140. The delivery schedule remained intact.

Since the November council meeting, Evergy staff and the Mulvane team worked to firm up the new project. Evergy has prepared the Load Connection Study for approval. Approval of this document will provide Evergy with the commitment to move forward with detailed project

planning and ordering long lead time items. In parallel, Electricomm has prepared a site plan and estimate for the new substation and integration into the existing distribution system.

Ging reviewed the costs and the project cancellation in the Load Connection Study. Mottola asked if other cities had cancelled similar projects. City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, advised that this would only happen if it made financial sense or was due to an uncontrollable circumstance. The City has already ordered the transformer, and without Mulvane's load, this would not make financial sense for Evergy.

Larry Holloway advised this is a much better arrangement than the Rock Road line. This would have metal poles, provide a more robust and reliable service, is a shorter distance, and have redundancy with the two electric line feeds.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to approve the Evergy Load Connection Study.
MOTION approved unanimously.



NEW BUSINESS

1. Transient Guest Tax Funds Request - KHSRA / KJHSRA State Finals:

MOTION by Allen, second by Cardwell to authorize the City Administrator to approve the 2023 request from The Kansas State High School Rodeo Association for Transient Guest Tax funds in the amount of \$2,000.00.

MOTION approved unanimously.

The Council advised staff to make sure adequate and complete budget information is provided before presenting TGT requests to the City Council.

ENGINEER

1. Project Review and Updates:

Downtown Park: The Contractor has coordinated with Public Works on material and equipment storage and will utilize the City's property south of the park. The mobilization date was changed to Monday, May 15th. Design work on the park is progressing forward. The Contractor's designers and City staff will be conducting weekly design meetings starting the week of May 15.

KDHE has reviewed and approved the City's plan to discharge water from the splash pad into the sanitary sewer system and has indicated no permit would be required. The discharge plan also allows the city to divert discharge into a storm sewer during the off-season when the splash pad water features are turned off.

Sewer Main "A": The Contractor met with Public Works personnel on May 1st to confirm available material and equipment storage sites. The Contractor plans to begin construction on May 15th.

Rock Road Lift Station: Public Works crews met on-site to locate and expose the exiting force main to confirm its location, size, and elevation. An existing water line (that will be crossed by the proposed force main) was also field located and exposed to confirm its location and elevation. Preliminary plans have been completed and are being reviewed by Public Works.

MULVANE LAND BANK

The City Council is also the Mulvane Land Bank – Board of Trustees. The Land Bank Board of Trustees must approve all land acquisition-related invoices and bills.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to recess the City Council meeting and convene as the Mulvane Land Bank Board of Trustees.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Allen to approve the 4-17-23 Land Bank Trustee meeting minutes.

MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen that the Mulvane Land Bank Trustees approve to pay the invoice from Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC in the amount of \$527.00 for legal work for the Notice of Agreement and Right of First Refusal for property at 201 W. Main.

MOTION approved unanimously.

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, indicated the original amount of the statement was \$1,727.00, however, there was a Professional Courtesy Discount of \$1,200.00 for this Land Bank matter. The Board advised that this was a legal matter the Land Bank was not responsible for and was an arrangement that was prepared outside of the original agreement of sale and expressed their thanks to the City Attorney for the discount and his work on this issue.

MOTION by Huntley, second by Allen to adjourn the meeting of the Mulvane Land Bank Board of Trustees and reconvene as the Mulvane City Council.
MOTION approved unanimously.

CITY STAFF

City Clerk: The last day to file for office will be June 1st at noon.

City Administrator: None

City Attorney:

1. Executive Session – Attorney/Client Relationship:

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, requested an Executive Session to discuss matters privileged in the Attorney/Client relationship for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Allen to recess the meeting to an Executive Session to discuss matters privileged in the Attorney/Client relationship for the purpose of discussing legal matters for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) minutes and to reconvene in open session at approximately 8:40 p.m. to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and the City Attorney.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Huntley to reconvene the City Council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Steadman advised that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 - 3:

Councilmember Allen asked about Item #3. The purchase of the transformers will be for inventory.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to approve consent agenda items 1 - 3.

1. Payroll dated 5-12-23 (\$229,539.89).
2. Warrant Register (\$1,227,739.56).
3. Electric Utility – the purchase of 3 – 25 KVA, 2 – 100KVA, and 2 – 75 KVA electric transformers from Border States in the amount of \$36,364.63.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Next council meeting – Monday, June 5th @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Allen, second by Huntley to adjourn the City Council meeting.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:46 p.m.

Debra M. Parker

Minutes by:

Debra M. Parker, City Clerk