

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2021

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, Brent Allen, Jenean Keck, Kevin Cardwell, Terry Richardson.

Others Present: Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Joel Pile, Kent Hixson, J.T. Klaus, Chris Young, Tim Huntley, Sally Tatro, Amanda Ford.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 10-18-2021:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 10-18-2021. MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Councilmember Allen received an email from the MRC Director, Ticia Herd, asking about attending a meeting.

Review and Closing of the Agenda: None

Appointments, Awards and Citations: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Employee Health Insurance Policy for Fiscal Year 2022 – Review quotes:

Sally Tatro of USI reviewed the 2022 Health Benefits with the council. The 2022 Aetna renewal had a 25% increase in premiums. United Healthcare proposed rates above Aetna's 25% increase. BCBS offered the most similar plan with a 13.7% increase. The BCBS plan is the lowest deductible and co/pay that it offers. The city budgeted for a 15% increase in health insurance premiums for 2022. Delta Dental rates are increasing by 1.8% for 2022, and Surency Vision rates will remain the same.

The city currently pays 92.4% of the medical plan for all employees. The city contributes \$1,000 for singles and \$1,500 for employees with dependents, into a Flexible Spending Account. The Dept. Heads comprise the health and safety committee. The committee discussed the benefit consultants research and recommendations.

The city's health and safety committee along with the benefit consultant, are recommending that the city change the employee health insurance plan to Blue Cross Blue Shield. The city will share

the 13.7% medical and 1.8% dental increases with the employees on a 92/8 split for 2022. There will be no change to deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs are minimal to the employees.

MOTION by Keck, second by Cardwell to approve the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield for City employee medical coverage, Delta Dental for dental coverage and Surency for vision coverage as proposed by city staff effective January 1, 2022.

MOTION approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

None

ENGINEER

1. Downtown Streetscaping – Review design elements and authorize project:

On July 19, 2021, the City Council addressed a request from downtown business owners to have the city consider removing and replacing existing trees along West Main Street. The trees are located inside existing sidewalks on both sides of W. Main, from Second to Cobb Park. The City Public Works Department has already removed the existing trees.

On September 21st, Y&A met with a “Downtown Streetscaping Advisory Committee” comprised of downtown stakeholders/property owners (located next to the subject trees). Several alternative design concepts were reviewed and discussed including lighted bollards, streetlamps, large concrete planters, narrow evergreen trees, and ornamental grasses.

The consensus of the committee was to replace the existing trees with lighted bollards. The bollard stands thirty-two (32) inches tall with a diameter of 10-1/2 inches at the base. This traditional ornamental cast aluminum bollard has a removable cap (for cleaning), an internal white acrylic lens, LED illumination (100,000 hrs.) and carries a seven-year limited warranty. The bollard would be provided in “Park Green Textured” color and would include the optional photocell and electric receptacle.

City crews will install the bollards, including electrical connections and concrete sidewalk removal/replacement as needed. The estimated shipping lead time for the bollards is 8-10 weeks. If approved, Public Works would place an order for eleven (11) units and will confirm specifications, price, and shipping dates. Installations are estimated to be completed in early spring (March-April) of 2022.

The one local distributor, American Electric, was contacted for pricing. Prices for the bollard, receptacle, photocell, and shipping are approx. \$1,600.00 per bollard. Cost opinions for concrete and electrical materials are estimated at \$400 per installation. With installation labor provided by City crews, the estimate costs for installing (11) bollards is \$22,000.

Staff recommends the City Council approve a \$25,000 budget for the streetscaping improvements. This budget would provide for installing (11) lighted bollards (a bollard would not be installed in front of the Pix Community Building), patching concrete, and providing electrical connections.

There was discussion regarding the lighting warmth of the bollard. There was concern about the height being too low and may be a trip factor or being hit by cars when parking. Council would like to know the pricing of a taller 47-inch bollard. There were also questions about being able to change the color of the lighting. Council approved a budget amount and staff will bring back more information to address the council's questions for light intensity, lighting colors and height options.

MOTION by Allen, second by Cardwell that the city approve a budget of \$35,000 for downtown streetscaping improvements.

MOTION approved unanimously.

2. Project Review and Update:

Chris Young, City Engineer, reviewed project updates with the council which included: E. Mulvane Street Drainage, Emerald Valley Estates Phase 2 Infrastructure, Hidden Valley Addition, Main "A" Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Downtown Streetscaping, Pool Re-painting, Rock Road Sewer Lift Station – New Main, BRIC Grant – Flood Mitigation funding, Second Street Pedestrian Crossing at Martha Ave.

Koehn Painting has chosen to paint the pool in the Spring. Young has reviewed the calendar for opening the pool with Koehn.

City Clerk: None

City Administrator: None

City Attorney:

1. City Sales - Tax Review Draft Calendar:

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, reviewed and explained the draft calendar for the proposed city sales tax election. Klaus also handed out a new calendar for the council's consideration. It proposed an accelerated calendar with the sales tax effective 7/1/22 instead of 10/1/2022. Klaus explained the best time to adopt the resolution and the 45-day rule after adoption of the resolution. He also read an email from the Sedgwick Co. Election office regarding the timing for a special election. Council asked what it cost to have a special election. Staff thought it was approximately \$3,000 but will check on the cost. Council liked the calendar with the 7/1/22 sales tax effective date.

2. Executive Session – Potential land acquisition:

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, requested an executive session for discussion of matters involving Land Acquisition for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of real estate for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and the City Attorney.

MOTION by Cardwell, second by Allen to recess the City Council meeting to an Executive Session for discussion of matters involving Land Acquisition for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of real estate for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes to include the

Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and the City Attorney, and to reconvene at approximately 8:25 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:10 p.m.

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

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:25 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda Items 1 - 5:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Keck to approve Consent Agenda items 1 – 5.

1. Payroll dated 10-29-21 (\$210,893.19)
2. City Utility Bills (\$16,445.43)
3. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Approve the purchase of 50,000 lbs. of ferric chloride for \$15,374.00 and 50,000 lbs. of sodium hydroxide for \$15,479.00 at a total cost of \$30,853.00.
4. Approve a cereal malt beverage license for Casey’s Retail Company, the Dollar General and Dillons, Inc.
5. Emerald Valley Estates – Pay App. #2 – Kansas Paving (\$67,413.06)

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

Next City Council meeting - Monday, November 15th @ 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Steadman reminded everyone to vote and wished good luck to all the candidates.

Councilmember Allen announced that Police Officers have been using their own money to help pay for needs of children and their families in the community. The Mulvane Community Foundation will be discussing setting up a fund to help with these needs so officers will not have to use their own funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Richardson, second by Mottola to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk