

MULVANE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 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: Amanda Ford, Brent Allen, Nancy Farber Mottola, and Kevin Cardwell.

Others Present: Mike Robinson, Debra Parker, Kent Hixson, J.T. Klaus, Chris Young, Gordon Fell, Rachael Blackwell, Joel Pile, Eric Meyer, Andrea Robinson.

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

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated 7-06-2022:

MOTION by Allen, second by Mottola to approve the Regular meeting minutes dated 7-06-22.
MOTION approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Mayor Steadman and Councilmember Allen received a call from Deon Lefler with the Wichita Eagle regarding the possible use of metal detectors and restricting firearms in Municipal Buildings.

Review and Closing of the Agenda: New Business Item #1 – Property at 1491 N. Broadway – will be tabled until the next meeting.

Appointments, Awards and Citations: Mayor Steadman presented Andrea Robinson with a 20-year service award and thanked her for her service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Restriction of Firearms in Municipal Buildings:

At the July 6th meeting, it was the consensus of the council to have staff look into restrictions and the annual cost of armed security at public entrances during all meetings held in the council chambers.

Public Safety Director, Gordon Fell, reviewed information with the council. As an extra duty assignment, the MPD would staff this position with a part time officer. This coverage would be paid at the rate of \$40.00 per hour with a minimum of 3 hours and \$40.00 for each additional hour. This would be billed to the department that hosted the meeting i.e., Administration would be billed for council meetings, Planning and Zoning would be billed for their meetings. In this setting all individuals entering the public entrance would enter through the metal detector to be screened.

Council asked about the rate of pay for this part-time position. Also discussed was the possibility of having an armed security guard from a private company for this position. Fell will check on this and report back.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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, Rock Road Sewer Lift Station Abandonment, Styx Creek Flood Mitigation, and Rock Road Mill & Overlay.

Main “A” Sanitary Sewer Improvements- Currently working on easement acquisitions.

Rock Road Mill & Overlay- Tentative bid opening date of July 26th with bids presented to council at the first meeting in August.

2023 CITY BUDGET – Workshop:

The 2023 budget will continue addressing the “casino property tax” issue. City auditor, Eric Meyer, defined the problem of a decreasing city assessed valuation and the need to refund millions of dollars in protested property tax to the casino. The mill levy increase (*property tax*) necessary to deal with the casino property tax issue will be significant. Meyer reviewed the Budget Issues and Objectives with the council. City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, asked if the PMIB Loan and additional debt service on the bonds we just issued were taken into account. Meyer indicated these had been included.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Cardwell to authorize the City Clerk to notify the County of the City of Mulvane's intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate at the proposed tax rate of 58 mills. MOTION approved unanimously.

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to set the Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing and the 2023 budget public hearing for Wednesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. at city hall. MOTION approved unanimously.

Taxpayer notifications will be mailed from the County Clerk.

City Clerk: None

City Administrator: None

City Attorney:

1. Executive Session – Matters privileged in attorney-client relationship:

City Attorney, J.T. Klaus, requested an executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship for approximately twenty (20) minutes.

MOTION by Allen, second by Mottola to recess the council meeting to an executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) to discuss legal matters for a period not to exceed twenty (20) minutes to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and the City Attorney, and to return to open session at approximately 8:50 p.m.

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

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

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:55 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda Items #1, 2 & 3:

MOTION by Mottola, second by Allen to approve Consent Agenda items #1, 2 & 3.

1. Payroll dated 6-24-22 (\$242,913.34)
2. Warrant Register (\$1,210,625.23)
3. The purchase of two model #4518 Gardner Denver Duroflow, HR Blowers in the amount of \$20,115.30 from Excelsior Blower Systems.

MOTION approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

Monday, August 1st – next regular council meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION approved unanimously at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes by:
Debra M. Parker, City Clerk