



## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers, City Hall – 131 N Main St

January 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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### AGENDA

HONORABLE MAYOR MIZE AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

PRAYER

DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

*All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered one motion and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

- A) BUILDING PERMITS
  - Electrical - 115 N Main - ROK
  - Mechanical - 1100 N Main - Ramiro Luna
  - Electrical - 304 E 3rd St - Bybee Electric
  - Building - 127 Garfield - Precision Contracting
  - Sign - 101 N Main - Elite Foam Spray
- B) Minutes of December 14, 2023 Council meeting
- C) Bills List for December, 2023

Motion: Approve consent agenda as listed/amended.

**PUBLIC AGENDA** *(Please limit comments to 5 minutes)*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 333-2024 REQUESTING THE KANSAS DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS TO WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF USING GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE CITY OF CHENEY**

This Resolution exempts the City of Cheney from the statutory requirement of using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. In recent years, Cities have been under increasing burden to account for assets that have no actual market value. And while these things do not have a fair market value, they still are required to be in conformance with GAAP. Therefore, smaller municipalities in Kansas have opted to go with another form of cash basis of accounting that is in conformance with Kansas's law. (Requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a (a))

Motion: Approve Resolution 333-2024 requesting the Kansas Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the statutory requirements of using generally accepted accounting principles for the City of Cheney, Kansas.

**2) CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE, BOWERMAN & NOEL P.A. TO PERFORM THE YEAR ENDING 2023 CITY OF CHENEY AUDIT**

George, Bowerman & Noel have conducted financial audits of the City's financial statements for the last several years. Staff is very comfortable with this firm and the accountants conducting the audit. Staff recommends continuing this relationship and approving the letter of engagement.

Motion: Approve the letter of engagement with George, Bowerman & Noel for a fee not to exceed \$10,650 plus out of pocket expense with audit to be completed by July 1st.

**3) CONSIDERATION OF 2024 SIDEWALK INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The 2024 budget contains \$5,000 for sidewalk grants and \$5,000 for curb ramp improvements. The policy was established in 2005. In 2018, the program increased the grant from \$500 to \$750 per homeowner to replace sidewalks. In 2021, the policy changed to allow 2/3 reimbursement, instead of 50%.

The City received 3 applications in 2021 and funded two grants. In 2022, the City received 2 applications and funded one grant. The one additional applicant did not get their projects completed by year end and plan to apply again in 2022. In 2023, we funded 4 grants in the amount of \$2,721.68 and paid for curb ramps at 2 intersections in conjunction with the grants.

A sidewalk inventory list shows 70 property owners with sidewalks that need repaired; however, not all sidewalks link to pedestrian paths. Staff typically sends a letter to each property, but can prioritize blocks and work with property owners and neighbors to ensure an entire block with a connecting sidewalk link is replaced.

Motion: Approve the 2024 sidewalk replacement program and allocate \$5,000 towards sidewalk grants.

**4) CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL RENEWAL OF SCHWAB-EATON ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Schwab-Eaton has acted as the City's engineer for several years. They have presented a renewal contract for 2024 with hourly rates.

Motion: Approve the renewal contract for engineering services from Schwab-Eaton, P.A. for 2024.

**5) CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH AGING PROJECTS**

Each year the City enters into a facility agreement with Aging Projects to provide a place for Friendship Meals to be served.

Motion: Approve the agreement with Aging Projects.

**REPORTS**

**Police Report**

- 6) Court Report
- 7) Police Department December Report and End of Year Report

**Fire Report**

- 8) December Fire Report

**Maintenance Report**

- 9) Gas Report
- 10) Water Report
- 11) Trash Report
- 12) Maintenance Report

**Golf Course Report**

- 13) Golf Report

**Administrator's Report**

- 14) Admin January Report

**ATTORNEY'S ITEMS**

**CLERK REPORT**

- 15) Clerk Report

**MAYOR'S ITEMS**

Mayor Philip Mize

**COUNCIL ITEMS**

Councilmember Albers

Councilmember Gile

Councilmember Graf

Councilmember Kampling

Councilmember Williams

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss hiring new police officers pursuant to matters related to non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319 (b)(1) at \_\_\_\_ am for \_\_\_\_ minutes with Administrator Young and Chief Ken Winter.

**ADJOURN**

Notice: It is possible that sometime between 6:30 and 7:00 PM immediately prior to this meeting, during breaks, and directly after the meeting, a majority of the Governing Body may be present in the council chambers, break area, or lobby of City Hall. No one is excluded from these areas at any time.