



COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers, City Hall – 131 N Main St

November 09, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

HONORABLE MAYOR MIZE AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Philip Mize called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Greg Kampling, Greg Williams, Jeff Albers, Kassie Gile, and Ryan Graf were present. Staff present were City Administrator Danielle Young, City Clerk Angie Gassmann, Police Chief Ken Winter, Maintenance Superintendent/Fire Chief Jerry Peitz, and Director of Golf Kevin Fowler. Attorney Austin Parker was absent. Guests present were Judd Weil-TSNews, Tyler Cramer, Leroy Bosch, and Tim Mullen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

DETERMINE AGENDA ADDITIONS - None

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 - 525 N Main - David Lies Plumbing
Building - 362 E 6th St - CS Renovations
Roofing - 123 Washington - Eaton
Roofing - 123 Washington (det garage) - Eaton
Shed - 507 N Garfield - Dennis Winter
Car Port - 657 Shadybrook - Deanne Hornbeck
Building - 320 S Garfield - SBA Communications

- B) Minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting
Minutes of the October 20, 2023 special meeting
Minutes of the November 7, 2023 special meeting

- C) Bills List Oct 12, 2023
Bills List Oct 30, 2023

Motion: Approve consent agenda as listed.

Motion made by Councilmember Gile, Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams, Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Gile, Councilmember Graf

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

Leroy Bosch & Tim Mullen, two concerned citizens, presented a handout regarding the possible construction of utility scale solar in Sedgwick County. They reported the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners approved a moratorium for solar energy zoning applications effective until March 20, 2024. He is requesting municipalities within Sedgwick County attend the meeting on November 16, 2023 to voice their concerns. He stated he was not against solar as a source for residential and light industrial energy, the concern is for the use of resources in Sedgwick County to build utility scale solar facilities that provide risk with little benefit to the area. The energy generated would be transported out of state. The key factors of concern they addressed were the location, size, setbacks, abandonment, decommissioning, reclamation, height, ground water testing, visual impact, grading, and battery storage. They suggested a placement restriction of three miles outside the area of influence with a size limitation of 750 to 1000 acres. One of their main concerns was the ground water contamination due to Zinc in the pylons that would be used in construction. They are suggesting water testing by a third party every 3 to 5 years at the expense of the solar companies. They stated Butler County had already passed a resolution and Douglass County is working on one.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 953 REGULATING GOVERNING BODY ELECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHENEY, KANSAS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 6-103 AND 6-104 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHENEY, KANSAS

Adoption of the Ordinance was requested to align city code with the current election cycle that was changed by the State in 2015 and to codify the resolution that was adopted in 2019 setting the commencement of office.

Motion: Approve Ordinance 953 and authorize Mayor to sign.

Motion made by Councilmember Graf, Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Clerk Gassmann called the Roll Call Vote: Albers-yes, Gile-yes, Graf-yes, Kampling-yes, Williams-yes

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 954 TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF PREVIOUSLY DEDICATED PUBLIC STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY (AVENUE B) IN THE CITY OF CHENEY, KANSAS

Adoption of the Ordinance was requested to vacate 520' of Avenue B that runs through the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds.

Motion: Approve Ordinance 954 and authorize Mayor to sign.

Motion made by Councilmember Gile, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

Clerk Gassmann called the Roll Call Vote: Albers-yes, Gile-yes, Graf-yes, Kampling-yes, Williams-yes.

DISCUSSION OF CONCRETE BIDS

The City requested prices from three companies to perform concrete work on three different project areas:

Install Curb Ramp at SW corner of 4th & Lincoln where Methodist church installed new sidewalk.

Replace north valley gutter at 3rd and Roosevelt

Repair curb along storm inlet at 3rd and Washington

Councilmember Williams asked what the \$1900 on the bid form was from K & B Dirtworks? Administrator Young stated it was for an area at 3rd and Roosevelt that K & B felt needed repaired, but it is not something staff feels is in need of immediate repair. The placement of the sidewalk by the Methodist Church and the location of the curb ramp at 4th & Lincoln were discussed.

Motion: Approve bid in the amount of \$11,647.52 from South Central Sealing.
Motion made by Councilmember Kampling, Seconded by Councilmember Gile.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Gile, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams.

REPORTS

Police Report

Police Chief Ken Winter reported they were reviewing police officer applicants and doing some interviews. He stated they were notified they were approved for a \$125,000 federal grant. They are waiting to hear back regarding the details of the grant as to what they can use it towards. Administrator Young stated it is the same grant they have gotten in the past but it had changed to only new hires so they are waiting for clarification to see if it is for any new hire, a 7th officer, or continue to use for the SRO position. Chief Winter had nothing further to report.

Fire Report

Fire Chief Jerry Peitz reported Evans Building had begun framing on the new fire station building.

Maintenance Report

Maintenance Superintendent reported he was still receiving maintenance applications and conducting interviews. He also reported South Central Sealing should complete all slurry seal of the designated streets by end of day Friday.

Golf Course Report

Director of Golf Kevin Fowler had nothing to report. He thanked council member Greg Kampling for all the time he spent volunteering on various projects at the golf course.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Danielle Young stated it had been mentioned in the past to move the Christmas light display to the South Main Complex. Councilmember Albers felt it would be nice to move it down there so people had somewhere to park and watch. He felt it can get congested on Main St at the current location. Administrator Young mentioned she had spoken with the maintenance department and they felt it could be placed in the middle of the parking lot with the power running from the base of one of the lights but were concerned with someone driving through it. Councilmember Kampling felt it would be best placed on the multi-use field. Administrator Young stated that it could be expanded to make it walkable but requested assistance from an organization or volunteers in the community to help with the expansion. Council felt it should be left in current location for this year but wanted to have further conversations in the future to see what can be done to expand it and move it to the South Main complex.

Administrator Young reported she found some large rocks that could be used at the South Main complex as benches. Silverdale Stone in Ark City has 14 blocks of stone that are approximately 6'-7' long, 18" tall and 18" wide. They cost \$165 per ton and each one is approximately a ton with shipping costing \$500. She stated she had reached out to the school about possibly splitting them. Council felt all 14 could be utilized in various places around the complex. Mayor Mize felt they couldn't be destroyed. It was stated a commercial bench is \$800 & up. Young stated the company told her it would cost around \$3500 delivered for all 14 due to the few that are a bit larger in size. Council also requested Administrator Young price out another shade structure for ball field 4, similar to the ones on the other ball fields.

Motion: To spend up to \$3500 including delivery for 14 large stones from Silverdale Stone.
Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Gile.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Gile, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams.

ATTORNEY'S ITEMS

Attorney Austin Parker was absent.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Angie Gassmann had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Philip Mize presented council member Greg Kampling with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service. He also reported he received a request for a letter supporting the extension of Highway 54 to four lanes from Pratt to the Oklahoma border and asked for the councils' thoughts. Council was in favor of providing the letter of support.

COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Albers thanked Councilmember Kampling for his years of service to the community.

Councilmember Gile thanked Councilmember Kampling.

Councilmember Graf thanked Councilmember Kampling.

Councilmember Kampling stated he enjoyed serving the community and hoped he contributed to the city some over the years. He also reported he had been in contact with a couple contractors regarding the bathroom/shelter structure on South Main. He felt he could get the cost down to around \$200,000. He recommended going with an asphalt roof over a metal roof to save money. He also asked about patching the holes on Main St at the railroad tracks. Administrator Young stated she had been in contact with the county regarding the pothole repairs.

Councilmember Williams thanked Councilmember Kampling.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:26 pm. Motion made by Councilmember Kampling, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Gile, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams.



Philip Mize, Mayor

Attest:

Angie Gassmann, City Clerk