



## COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers, City Hall – 131 N Main St

December 08, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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## 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 7:00 pm. Council members Greg Kampling, Ryan Graf, Greg Williams and Jeff Albers were present. Councilmember Kassie Gile was absent. Staff present were City Admin/Clerk Danielle Young, Police Chief Ken Winter, Maintenance Superintendent/Fire Chief Jerry Peitz, Director of Golf Kevin Fowler and Attorney Austin Parker. Guests present were Tricia Parker and Travis Mounts-TSNews.

#### 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 - 117 N Jefferson - Phil's Heating, Cooling, and Electric  
Plumbing - 117 N Jefferson - P1 Service LLC  
Mechanical - 117 N Jefferson - P1 Service LLC  
Electrical - 602 E 6th Ave - DNA Electric LLC  
Curb Cut - 519 Roosevelt - Kyle Miller  
Roofing - 515 N Washington - Erie Constructin Midwest  
Fence - 526 W 3rd - Fuqua Remodeling  
Electrical - 407 N Main - Cheney Electric  
Plumbing - 636 W 5th - Padgett Excavation  
Well - 539 E Bob White - Weninger Drilling  
Well - 4523 Wolf - Chase Drilling

#### CMB Licenses:

SPK Grocery Inc- 412 N Main  
Casey's General Store 2948- 425 N Main  
Dollar General 11843- 1100 N Main

Cherry Oaks Golf Course- 1119 N Main  
SQRL 1008- 1110 N Main

- B) Bills List November 10, 2022
- C) Bills List November 29, 2022
- D) Minutes of the November 10, 2022 Council Meeting

Motion: Approve consent agenda as listed.

Motion made by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

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

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR MIZE'S APPOINTMENT**

Cheney Fire Department has requested the appointment of Firefighter Nolan Campbell.

Motion: Confirm the Mayor's appointment.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

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

#### **PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department received 3 quotes and is requesting the purchase of the following equipment:

Hose and Adapters

Motion: Purchase equipment from Feld Equipment in the amount of \$9073.70

Motion made by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF HIRING ARCHITECT FOR FIRE STATION ADDITION**

City staff has been in contact with three different architects regarding the addition to the station. The architect could provide ideas on the design and also work with structural and MEP engineers to get the stamped plans required for MABCD on the commercial building permit. The plans would also be used to gather additional bids from contractors. Administrator Young explained that the firm selected would help come up with the design and help with a list of contractors and through the construction phase. It was discussed that the plans were needed and thought an architect could provide some additional ideas and that may save money. The original discussions with contractors did not include mechanical, electrical and plumbing within the price and someone would need to create those drawings before gathering bids. Young is hopeful that by the time the drawings are presented that a grant may become available. Available finances were reviewed for the project and options on obtaining additional funds were discussed.

Motion: Approve architectural and engineering proposal for fire station in the amount of \$12,600 from PPSE, Empowered, Kansas Code Plans.

Motion made by Councilmember Kampling, Seconded by Councilmember Albers.

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE CHENEY SENIOR CENTER**

The annual agreement is for January 1- December 31, 2023 and provides \$5,000 in funding for the Cheney Senior Center.

Motion: Enter into the agreement with Sedgwick County and the Cheney Senior Center.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE FEE SCHEDULE**

The fee schedule is reviewed annually in December. Staff recommends the proposed changes. Changes include increases to golf course fees, trash fees, fingerprints, ROW, PUD, late dog tag, and water meter connection charges, due to increased costs from vendors to get meters. Young and Peitz explained the issue in increasing prices for water meter setters and how they are several months out.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 326-2022 Schedule of Service, License, and Permit Fees.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF END OF YEAR TRANSFERS**

The 2022 Budget showed Scheduled Transfers at \$365,000. Staff requests an increase of transfers into Water and Sewer Reserves for upcoming construction and equipment needs. The parks transfer is increased due to not remodeling the pool bathhouse this year that was budgeted and the fire station transfer is for budgeted construction funds not used this year for fire station expansion. These amounts can be transferred and utilized when the project occurs. Because the general fund had an increase over budgeted revenues by an estimated \$290,000, the general fund cash on hand has increased and staff would like to transfer the scheduled transfers of \$50,000 from the two utility funds (no transfer from gas fund) into Capital Improvement for the Pool Project instead of into the General Fund. The General Fund transfer into Capital Improvements would be set based on Budget Authority after all other expenditures are posted for 2022.

Motion: Approve stated year end transfers with the transfer from the General Fund to Capital Improvement equal to the amount of remaining general fund budget authority after determination of year end expenditures.

Motion made by Councilmember Graf, Seconded by Councilmember Albers.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF 2022 SALARY SCHEDULE**

The Salary Schedule is a pay range schedule for the various positions. It is recommended to increase pay for Volunteer Firefighters from \$10/call to \$15/call. Ranges were also adjusted, so the percentage spread is comparable.

Motion: Adopt Resolution 327-2022, 2023 salary schedule and update job descriptions accordingly.

Motion made by Councilmember Williams, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF 2023 HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES**

Employee health care coverage begins February 1 of each year. The renewal for Health Insurance rates had an overall increase of 32%. In 2022 rates increased .14%, in 2021 our rates decreased by 3.39%, 2020 rates increased by 5.59%, 2019 rates decreased by 8.34%, 2018 rates increased by 12.45%, and in 2017 decreased by 3.08%

Staff feels the Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Blue Choice Comprehensive Plan for 2023 is an important benefit to our employees. Young explained that employees completed health profiles to see if their current plan rates could be

decreased, but they could not. Pricing was received from KMIT, which would be a 28.87% increase over last year. Young stated that the KMIT group had a 9.9% increase this year, due to their plan having a 10% capped increase, but next year the increase cap had been removed. Rates were also received from the ACA Platinum coverage and rates would also increase 32%, switching to that plan.

Fowler stated that employees appreciate the benefits they receive and the Council approves. Mayor Mize mentioned that he had talked to several others and everyone's health insurance seems to be increasing. Attorney Parker thought it was critical in government to provide good benefits to keep employees. Council decided to discuss wages in executive session before deciding on the health insurance.

(Motion was made after executive session.)

Motion: Approve grandfathered BCBS Health and Dental Insurance for 2023 and leave insurance as is.

Motion made by Councilmember Graf, Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

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

## REPORTS

**Police Report-** Chief Winter had nothing additional to report.

**Fire Report-** Chief Peitz discussed a recent trash truck fire.

**Maintenance Report-** Maintenance Superintendent Jerry Peitz reported that they had been getting items ready to sell on Purple Wave and have the slurry truck running and forklift ready.

**Golf Course Report-** Director of Golf Kevin Fowler reported a drop in numbers for November, but noted the course had a wonderful year. The golf course is accepting applications for the assistant superintendent position. He attended Turf Conference last week. Fowler explained the changes and increases the industry is seeing for mowers. It was discussed if leasing equipment should be considered. Fowler stated they were doing what they could with repairing existing equipment. Councilmember Williams asked if it would be beneficial to have a mechanic on staff. Fowler stated that the City had looked into it and having someone on staff would far exceed what we pay vendors for repairs.

Councilmember Williams asked about holding additional benefit tournaments to help pay for items. Fowler stated that they've found, more revenue is brought in for regular rounds on weekends, than what typical tournament revenue brings in.

### Administrator's Report

Young mentioned the year-end review in her monthly report. She also mentioned that the natural gas loan payment was made and the City is still on schedule to pay it off within the loan term, dependent if the interest rate is increased in January.

Young requested 10 minutes of executive session to discuss legal considerations for the natural gas utility.

**ATTORNEY'S ITEMS-** Attorney Austin Parker had nothing to report.

### MAYOR'S ITEMS

Mayor Philip Mize had nothing to report.

### COUNCIL ITEMS

Councilmember Albers had nothing to report.

Councilmember Graf had nothing to report.  
Councilmember Kampling had nothing to report.  
Councilmember Williams had nothing to report.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss legal considerations for natural gas utility deemed privileged in the attorney-client regarding relationship KSA 75-4319 (b)(2) at 8:16 pm for 10 minutes with Administrator Young and Attorney Parker.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf. Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Mize stated that Council was back in regular session with no binding action taken.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss wages and employee performance pursuant to matters related to non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319 (b)(1) at 8:35 pm for 15 minutes with Administrator Young.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf. Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Mize stated that Council was back in regular session with no binding action taken.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss wages and employee performance pursuant to matters related to non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319 (b)(1) at 8:55 pm for 15 minutes with Administrator Young.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf. Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Mize stated that Council was back in regular session with no binding action taken.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss wages and employee performance pursuant to matters related to non-elected personnel KSA 75-4319 (b)(1) at 9:15 pm for 5 minutes. Administrator Young entered for the final minute of executive session.

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf. Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

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(motion for health insurance- see prior agenda item)

Councilmember Jeff Albers made a motion to give an increase of 3% on all wages. Councilmember Graf seconded. Voting Yea: Councilmember Albers, Councilmember Graf, Councilmember Kampling, Councilmember Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

It was made known that the Council will evaluate next year's health insurance and if large increases continue, they wanted staff to know that changes could happen next year on changing insurance or employees paying more, but Council wanted to ride this year out and see what happens in the future.

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Councilmember Albers, Seconded by Councilmember Graf.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip Mize".

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Philip Mize, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Young".

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Danielle Young, City Clerk

**Pool Workshop**