

Minutes of October 3rd, 2023 Wakarusa Town Council Meeting

PRESENT: Matt Moyer, Rocco Rigsby, Annette Brown, Phil Klotz, Carl Gilbert–Council, Holly Landis–Town Manager, Katie Fromer–Clerk-Treasurer, Charlie Zercher–Town Attorney

President Rigsby called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Moyer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the September 5th, 2023 Council meeting. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

The Council recognized any visitors who wished to address the Council.

Rick Vandegrift inquired about trimming and parking in the easement off of S Spring Street. Town Manager Landis will discuss the issue with Vandergriff.

Bill Stamper asked if he could view meeting minutes online. Town Manager Landis explained where meeting minutes and agendas are posted on the Town's website.

A motion was made by Councilman Moyer to approve Ordinance 2023-3 amending Salary Ordinance 2022-8. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

The Council had their second reading on Ordinance 2023-2 on the 2024 budget.

Council President welcomed returning Maintenance Supervisor Alex Mikel.

Councilman Moyer made a motion to approve pay application #2 for the 123 S Elkhart Street parking lot in the amount of \$151,503.30 to Beer and Slabaugh. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve change order #1 for the Sunset-Washington roadway improvements in the amount of \$94,724.41 to Rieth-Riley Construction. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve pay application #3 for the Sunset-Washington roadway improvements in the amount of \$304,551 to Rieth-Riley Construction. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Councilman Moyer made a motion to approve pay application #4 for the Sunset-Washington roadway improvements in the amount of \$267,154.21 to Rieth-Riley Construction. Councilman Gilbert Seconds. Approved.

Councilman Moyer made a motion to approve reimbursement to the homeowner at 409 S Washington St for the new water line installed as a result of the Sunset-Washington roadway improvement project in the amount of \$5,300. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Councilman Klotz made a motion for Council President Rigby to sign the contract with Beer & Slabaugh for the S Spring Street water main extension in the amount of \$125,691. Councilman Moyer seconds. Approved.

The Council reviewed department reports.


Maintenance Supervisor Mikel inquired about hiring a 6th maintenance employee. Councilwoman Brown expressed her desire to give new Maintenance Supervisor Mikel some time to get a feel for the need of a full-time employee versus a seasonal employee. Mikel expressed his concern that it takes two people when training and the Maintenance Supervisor Assistant's retirement is in the reachable future. Mikel would like to have time for preventable maintenance rather than reactive maintenance. Councilman Klotz asked for a list of items that the Maintenance Department should be doing and currently don't have time for. Councilman Rigsby suggested hiring an additional employee with the intentions of being trained and certified prior to the seasoned Maintenance Assistant Supervisor retiring.

Town Manager Landis presented a letter requesting a farmers market held at Doc's Pavilion. The Council discussed different possibilities.

Councilman Moyer made a motion to pay the claims and adjourn the meeting. Councilman Klotz seconds. Approved.

Next Work Session: November 6th, 2023

Next Council Meeting: November 7th, 2023



President of Council



Clerk-Treasurer