

Minutes of February 6th, 2024 Wakarusa Town Council Meeting

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Gilbert made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 9th, 2024 Council meeting. Councilwoman Brown seconds. Approved.

Councilman Rigsby welcomed any visitors who wished to address the Council.

Tony Carden from Sunset Ct. wanted to bring awareness to how much the soil has sunk next to the new curbs from the Sunset Ct. road improvement project and more fill is needed.

Judy Briganti from Sunset Ct. echoed Carden's concerns. Briganti requested the ability to see the electronic documents that are being discussed during Town Council meetings, possibly on the meeting room tv screen.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve the Redevelopment Commission's blanket bond and the Town's blanket bond and individual bonds for the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

The Council reviewed the 2024 fixed asset report.

Marshal Hershberger presented Officer Stump's resignation from the Wakarusa Police Department.

Marshal Hershberger informed the Council of the grant approval for the 7th Police Officer and stated that employee selection will happen soon.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to approve the quote from Peerless Midwest in the amount of \$57,938. for the repairs and replacement of controls at the main lift station. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Public Works Supervisor Mikel formally requested the hiring of a 6th Public Works employee. Councilman Gilbert made a motion to hire a 6th Public Works employee. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.

Councilman Mitschelen made a motion to approve the uptown road closures for the 2024 Maple Syrup Festival as requested. Councilman Gilbert seconds. Approved.

Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the annual contribution to the Economic Development Corporation of Elkhart County in the amount of \$4,000. Councilman Mitschelen seconds. Approved.