

**City of Walnut
City Council Meeting
June 13th, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Mayor Karen Crapson called the meeting to order with Council Members Brian Kirkpatrick, Brian Crapson, Melissa Smith and Cory Scott, in attendance. Also in attendance were City Treasurer Samantha Guy, City Superintendent Craig Kirkpatrick, and City Attorney Timothy Fielder. Council Member Joshua Sturm and City Clerk Saralyn Boyd were absent.

Approval of Agenda

Brian Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Brian Kirkpatrick motioned for approval of the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor. Cory Scott motioned for approval of the minutes from the special meeting called on June 9th to meet the water meter salespeople. Brian Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of Bills

Brian Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the bills. Brian Crapson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk's Report

City Clerk Saralyn Boyd was absent, so City Treasurer Samantha Guy gave the report. The account balance as of June 13th, is \$112,184.35. As for delinquent utility accounts for May, one account was remaining. The number of utility bills left for June collection was three.

The City Treasurer stated the second half of the ARPA funds had arrived recently which is why the account balance was higher than normal. She also presented the quote for the new El Dorado Utility Software Upgrade. The quote was for a continuous option which required a \$950 payment down and then charges \$525 quarterly. This version includes future software upgrades, technical support, Automatic Meter Reading Software and is needed before we can install the new meters. Brian Crapson made a motion to approve the quote for the software. Brian Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Samantha Guy, reported all was accurate for the reports for May.

Old Business

Discussion on a heat & air unit estimate for City Hall was tabled for next month's meeting again.

New Business

The council addressed mowing violations for the year. Karen noted that she would get together with Craig Kirkpatrick and Brian Kirkpatrick to get a finalized list together before the next meeting so it can be approved by the council for mailing.

Green Environmental Services recently mailed out a letter regarding increasing their fees due to gas prices. The City Clerk and City Treasurer reviewed the increase and noted that the current rate to city customers would still be enough to cover this increase, but if there happened to be another increase that we may need to revisit the ordinance for utility fees at that time, but for now, it did not need to be addressed. The council took no action on the matter.

Maintenance Report

The council discussed some of the pros and cons discussed by the salesmen who attended the special meeting on June 9th. Brian Kirkpatrick motioned to move forward with the quote from Schulte that included Neptune brand meters. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Council also asked City Attorney Tim Fielder to draft an ordinance regarding the new meters being installed that would note that any damage to these new meters would be at the customers expense as well as not allowing tampering with the devices. Brian Kirkpatrick motioned to have this ordinance drafted. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Brian Crapson also made a comment that the cemetery sign was down at the intersection and he had attempted to put it back up but the county mowers keep knocking it over. Craig noted that he would reach out to the county to have a new post installed for the sign.

Librarian's Report

Jamie Scott said the Library Board will be working the concession stand at the softball games every Sunday during the season. She also noted the Bingo event went well.

Councilmember Concerns

There were no council member concerns.

Public Comment

Jamie Scott addressed the council with her concern about semi trucks speeding down Maple Street past her house. She noted she had contacted the county about getting "Slow Children Playing" signs for around the property but said the County wasn't allowed to install those. City Attorney Tim Fielder noted that the council could pass an ordinance to make that street a 20 MPH zone and then the county would be able to issue traffic citations. The council asked Fielder to draft an ordinance pertaining to this matter to cover Maple Street from Highway 146 to Gettings. Jamie also noted that she would call Dale Shireman about getting "Foot Traffic Only" signs to put up at the park.

Call for Adjournment

Cory Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Brian Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. All were in favor.