

City of Walnut
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 2nd, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Mayor: Brian Kirkpatrick City Attorney: Timothy L. Fielder

Council Members: Jonathan Westhoff, Melissa Smith, (Vacant Seat #3), Bobbie Norris, Cory Scott

Clerk: Saralyn Boyd

Treasurer: Samantha Guy

Superintendent: Craig Kirkpatrick

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Bobbie Norris motioned for approval of the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of Bills

Cory Scott made a motion to approve the bills. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Clerk's Report

The account balance as of December 2nd was \$23,801.84. The savings account balance as of December 2nd was \$115,594.10. As for delinquent utility accounts for November, all were collected. The number of utility bills remaining for December was unknown at the time due to them being due later in the month.

Treasurer's Report

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

Old Business

Christmas decorations were discussed for Main Street. Brian noted they would be getting the tree on Friday as well as getting the lights put up for the Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

New Business

Attorney Tim Fielder reviewed the letter and contract that was sent over by KDOT for a culvert

replacement project on the east side of town. Mr. Fielder went through each page of the document and went over his notes. He noted there was nothing concerning about the contract and encouraged the council to allow the Mayor to sign off on the agreement. Cory Scott motioned to proceed with the contract and Mayor Kirkpatrick to sign off. Bobbie Norris seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There was also a discussion about the City Fire Department's ISO rating as it is starting to affect insurance rates across the local area and city. Members of the department noted that everything had been caught up and they would contact the liaison and figure out next steps to be reevaluated.

Maintenance Report

Craig and Brian noted that all leaks had been repaired and everything was going smooth as of the time of the meeting.

Librarian's Report

Librarian Jamie Scott noted the December pancake feed would be Saturday, December 21st. She also noted that the labor for the water heater came in less than estimated at \$1,100 total.

Councilmember Concerns

There were no council member concerns.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Call for Adjournment

Cory Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bobbie Norris seconded the motion. All were in favor.