

City of Walnut
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 8th, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Mayor: Brian Kirkpatrick City Attorney: Timothy L. Fielder

Council Members: (Vacant Seat #1), Melissa Smith, Brian Crapson, Seth Volz, 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, Brian Crapson, and Cory Scott, in attendance. Also in attendance were City Attorney Timothy Fielder, City Clerk Saralyn Boyd, City Treasurer Samantha Guy, and City Superintendent Craig Kirkpatrick. Council Member Seth Volz was absent.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Bills

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

Clerk's Report

The account balance as of May 8th was \$46,809.27. As for delinquent utility accounts for April, all were collected. The number of utility bills for May was to be determined at the time, as utility bills were due by May 10th, by 6pm.

The City Clerk stated Consumer Confidence Reports were mailed to all customers on May 5th.

Treasurer's Report

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

Old Business

Brian Kirkpatrick mentioned he had not been able to follow-up with the owner of a recently moved mobile home, now located at the corner of Front and Walnut St. He said he will attempt again to reach out to the owner to

discuss the issue.

New Business

Cory Scott made a motion to go into Executive Session, not to exceed ten minutes. Brian Crapson seconded the motion. The council members exited at 7:05pm.

The council re-entered at 7:08pm. Brian Crapson made a motion for a 5% wage increase for all five employees. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Maintenance Report

Craig noted that Lowrie Sheet Metal & Air told him they were expecting to start the project soon.

A water line leak North of town by Jacquinot's was addressed and fixed.

He mentioned he purchased the recently approved purchase of a cordless chainsaw at Menards for \$255.14, and had enough approved funds to cover extra chains to have on hand.

Librarian's Report

Librarian, Jamie Scott, mentioned a countertop was purchased for \$10 for the sink replacement at the Library. They have yet to find a vanity or sinks for the project yet.

Councilmember Concerns

Council member, Melissa Smith, inquired about vacating abandoned roads on the property she purchased a couple years ago to the West of her residence. The abandoned roads are on the plat map, but there are no physical roads there on the property. Fielder mentioned he could draw up the paperwork to do so.

Citizen Darin Anderson affirmed since he is the adjacent landowner on the the property mentioned by Melissa Smith, the road on Locust, running North and South, along Anderson's field, since the road is still technically open, he should acquire half the property of the road after it is abandoned. Tim Fielder said he would get an aerial photo and view the map and discuss it with him after the meeting. Darin mentioned he would like an agreement drawn up and he would also move his fence over the extra feet and clear out some of the trees on the tree line. Tim Fielder said the paperwork goes before the City, then the County, and then becomes a matter of public record thereafter, and it takes around 30-60 days to finalize it.

Public Comment

Rodney & Judy Lustila inquired about property adjacent to property they own and explained to the City they were under the impression they purchased the city-owned lot along with the purchase of the house and lots they purchased on the adjacent property. They also mentioned they have cleaned up the property as their own during this time. The council decided to deed the lot to Rodney & Judy by a motion. The motion was made by Brian

Crapson and seconded by Melissa Smith. All were in favor.

Citizen, Darin Anderson, made a complaint about the excessive operation of four-wheelers, dirt bikes, ATV's, etc. around town recently, mainly the vehicles operated by kids. He stated concern for the amount of stop signs that were run and roads crossed without looking both ways before proceeding. The Mayor suggested he would contact the County Sheriff to patrol on certain days where these occurrences are common.

Call for Adjournment

Brian Crapson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.