

City of Walnut
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2022, 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 Clerk Saralyn Boyd, City Treasurer Samantha Guy, City Superintendent Craig Kirkpatrick, and City Attorney Timothy Fielder.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Brian Crapson motioned for approval of the minutes from the previous regular meeting and also the minutes from the Budget Hearing. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of Bills

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

Clerk's Report

The account balance as of September 12th, is \$102,892.61. As for delinquent utility accounts for August, all accounts were collected. The number of utility bills left for the September billing collection was eight accounts at the time.

The October meeting date was scheduled on a Holiday and is usually rescheduled to Tuesday following that Monday each year. Brian Crapson made this motion to change the October regular meeting date to Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

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

Old Business

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

New Business

Next on the agenda was council approval of the annual contribution payment of \$2,000.00 to Walnut Community Service Organization for half of the cost of the annual insurance premium on the church and hall buildings, operated and maintained by WCSO. Cory Scott made this motion to make this contribution payment. Melissa Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Maintenance Report

The City Superintendent gave an update of the status on multiple projects in process including parts being replaced on the Water Salesman to put it back in order, a large sewer problem West of the Post Office building, and automatic-read meters installed. He also stated it was discovered the meter at Vicki King's residence is a 2" meter as well and was not changed out yet because there is only one 2" meter on order for the apartment building. Craig planned to discuss with the utility customer if they would agree to have this meter and lines switched out to the regular 3/4" meter that was originally accounted for. If not, another 2" meter would need to be ordered and the cost of these meters are around \$1,000 versus the regular 3/4" size which costs around \$200.00. Craig will bring the information to the council next month for further discussion. Craig also mentioned there are currently a handful of farmers inquiring about new meters to be installed to water cattle, so those meters and accounts will be addressed as they come in.

Librarian's Report

Representatives from the Library announced they are seeking applications for the Librarian position, as Sierra announced retirement as of September.

Councilmember Concerns

There were no council member concerns at the time.

Public Comment

Johanna Harris proposed to the council the opportunity to purchase a couple lots in town, owned jointly with her dad, who is now deceased. The adjacent properties were located in Block 24, Lots 8-10 (Parcel ID No. 019-066-23-0-10-23-002.11-0) and Lots 11-14 (Parcel ID No. 019-066-23-0-10-23-001.00-0). The council showed interest in the properties and the City Attorney suggested the council offer to purchase both properties from her for \$500.00 total, if interested in purchasing. Johanna Harris stated she would accept that offer from the council. Brian Crapson made a motion to purchase these lots for \$500.00 from Johanna Harris. Cory Scott seconded the

motion. All were in favor. The council asked the City Attorney to prepare the deed and paperwork regarding the transaction.

Call for Adjournment

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