

City of Walnut
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2023, 6:00 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, Seth Volz 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.

Approval of Agenda

Melissa Smith 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. Seth Volz 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 January 9th was \$59,636.51. As for delinquent utility accounts for December, all were collected. The number of utility bills for January were to be determined and due on the 10th by close of business day.

Treasurer's Report

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

The current figures for the ARPA Water System Improvement Project were reported as follows:

- CURRENT TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$10,113.39

The remaining funds are accounted for the purchase of the Automatic Meter Reading Equipment that is expected to arrive soon, as we are using “loaned out” equipment in the meantime.

Old Business

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

Brian Kirkpatrick mentioned he has yet been able to follow-up on a recently moved mobile home at the corner of Front and Walnut St. He said he will try to reach out to him on the issue.

New Business

Ryan & Julie Hays seeked interest in purchasing the two lots that were recently purchased by the City. (Property: Lots 8-14, Block 24, original Town of Walnut, Crawford County, Kansas). The Mayor reminded the council that costs incurred with purchasing the property, deed preparation, etc. needed to be included in determining the sale price and stated \$1,000 would cover these costs for both properties together. The motion was made to sell the two properties to Ryan & Julie Hays for \$1,000 total for both, contingent on receiving a letter from the buyers stating proposed use of property and including expected clean up within a certain time-frame. Also, for the deed to be prepared by Tim Fielder, including the contingency and subject to right of reversion. Brian Crapson made this motion. Cory Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Maintenance Report

Craig confirmed the purchase of the scissor-lift, and batteries were also purchased for the equipment. He is searching online for a solenoid to purchase for it and then it is expected to be in full working order after these updates/repairs.

Librarian's Report

Breakfast will be held at the Church Hall on January 21st, 8-10 AM, hosted by the Walnut Public Library and Walnut Fire Department.

Sinks for the restroom at the Library have not been purchased yet.

Councilmember Concerns

There were no councilmember concerns stated at the time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at the time.

Call for Adjournment

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