

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2023

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Sharon Haun, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Larry Siegrist and Sean Honer, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Brian Henderson, Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Josh Sciacca, Ray Loomis, Vern Hay, Tim Chadd, Ryan McDonald, Karen Exon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Denise Hartman

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Raymond Loomis addressed the Council regarding memorial flowers being removed 2 weeks after Memorial Day. Mr. Loomis did not agree with the city's policy. Administrator Jones pointed out that the policy is consistent with other cemeteries in the area. Councilperson Berner reminded Mr. Loomis that 6 months out the year from the end of October to April there is no mowing taking place. Mr. Loomis was encouraged to find volunteers to help with the flowers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- July 18, 2023, Minutes
- July 18, 2023, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

City Lake Committee Recommendation: Tim and Sheryl Chadd H-7

The City Lake Committee recommended that the City Council approve a new septic system request from Tim and Sheryl Chadd at H-7. The approval of the request is contingent on the following:

- System must be located at the location discussed with City Lake Committee and approved by Council.
- Must have 2 feet of sand under lateral fields.
- Must have 1 foot of rock around the lateral chambers.
- Must have 1 foot or more of dirt over the top of chambers.
- Sign annual agreement that includes a charge of 25 cents per square foot
- Removal of old septic system

After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the request contingent on the guidelines are meant. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker.

Motion Carried 6 – 0

Planning and Zoning Committee Appointment: Andy Benning:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to appoint Andy Benning to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3-year appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Denise Hartman to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 6 – 0

RHID Resolution: 080123-01:

Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest presented the (RHID) Rural Housing Incentive District Resolution #080123-01 to the Council for approval, which included the property description of the properties to be included. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve RHID Resolution 080123-01. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion Carried 6 – 0

Streets and Parks Department Recommendation:

The Streets and Parks Department recommends the Council approve the purchase of 2 Hustler Turf Equipment 42” Raptor XL with Flex Forks – Model #939884 – Kawasaki FR651 21.5 HP from Erichsen Agri-Motive LLC.

- **SALE PRICE:** \$4,149 Each
- **LESS DISCOUNT:** -\$399.00 Each
- **SUBTOTAL:** \$3,750 Each
- **TOTAL PRICE:** \$7,500

After Discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the purchase from Erichsen Agri-Motive LLC. In the amount of \$7,500 to come from contract mowing. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 6 – 0

Rural Fire Contract:

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the City Council that the contracts for Rural Fire Districts #8 and #12. The contracts will start on January 1, 2024, and run until December 31, 2028. Fire District #8 contract amount is \$50,000 per year and Fire District #12 contract amount is \$60,000 per year.

Administrator Jones said in the month of April the Fire Department had 29 rural fire calls eating up most of the contract funds for 2023. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Rural Fire Contracts for Districts #8 and #12. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion Carried 6 – 0

ADA Committee Discussion:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger said she had been approached about the possibility of for a Committee for ADA compliance within the city. City Administrator Jones suggested that the Streets and Parks Department Committee could undertake the task as they deal with most of the road and sidewalk replacement projects. The Council was in agreement to let the Streets and Parks Committee handle ADA issues.

Executive Session: City Lake Attorney:

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to go in to Executive Session regarding City Lake Attorney for 20 minutes, which include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, City Attorney, and Assistant City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

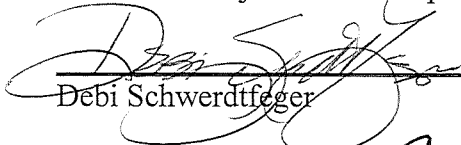
After returning from Executive Session Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to hire Attorney Pat Riordan to work with the city regarding the City Lake. The motion was seconded by Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

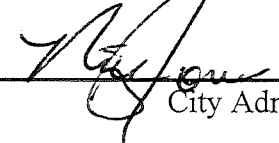
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said there will be festivities to welcome the Kaw Nation back as their sacred rock arrives in Council Grove later this month.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Denise Hartman** – Reminded everyone about the Voices of the Wind on Sept. 15th & 16th
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Said the last day for the Swimming Pool is Sunday August 13th due to staff going back to school.

Adjournment:

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0



 Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


 Nick Jones City Administrator

