

City Council
Regular Meeting
December 7, 2023

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley

Also present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Misty Lynch, Scott Hedrick, Patrick Wilson, Jerri Kerr

Absent: Austin Buschman

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order. Witt asked for approval or corrections to the minutes of the previous regular meeting on November 2, 2023 and the special meeting on November 28, 2023. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting on November 2, 2023 and the special meeting on November 28, 2023. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Farley made a motion to approve the purchase orders by consent agenda. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer and Budget Reports were also reviewed with note of the Recreation and Parks department working on big projects and the percentage of the Police Budget that has already been spent.

Hedrick told the Council about a couple of animal shelter programs, Shelter Manager and Shelter Love. Shelter Manager is \$380/year while Shelter Love is free with extras that are not. Schmidt voiced his concern about the return on investment and if an excel spreadsheet would work.

Roybal said we've had three water leaks this week, 2 on the main line and 1 on the service line. The water tower is getting closed to being finished, it will be Pillar White with Hooker painted in blue. The maintenance department is still changing out electronic water meters that have stopped working, cleaning up the landfill and cemetery is ongoing, filling potholes and work on alley's as time allows. Bennett Construction has finished installing the 4 inch gas loop on Clara Street from the alley between Broadway St and Swem St to alley between Broadway St. and Ireland St.

Witt told the Council on Robbie Wayman's behalf, a Lucas Chest Compression system has been purchased from City of Keys, OK for the Ambulance.

Witt made a recommendation to hire Jerri Kerr to take care of the Cemetery. Schmidt made a motion to accept and approve Jerri Kerr's bid of \$18,999.97/year for the Hooker Cemetery. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

After much discussion on the cemetery land purchase, Farley made a motion to purchase up to 10 acres at \$2,500 per acre by the cemetery that is currently owned by Austin Buschman. Schmidt seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Council approved cemetery land purchase in May 6, 2021 from Austin up to \$10,000. If the new amount is accepted, the City will proceed.

Hofferber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor