

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WOOD LAKE CITY COUNCIL 2024 BUDGET & OTHER CITY BUSINESS

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.—COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD ROOM

Council members Mayor David Stelter, Brad Timm, Wayne Tonn, Tammi Mueller, and Sean Brovold, along with the city clerk, Ashley VanHecke, were present. Visitors in attendance were Allen Chrisman, Mary and Therold Johnson.

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor David Stelter at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary and Therold Johnson were present to discuss their concerns with a neighbor's chicken coop. Mary stated that a portion of the chicken coop is on their property. She also stated that the chickens are rarely in the coop, and they roam freely and that per the chicken guidelines set forth by council, there are more than the allowed number of chickens. Council discussed it and determined the first form of action is for Mary and/or Therold to approach the neighbor and voice their concerns, including informing them of where the actual property line is. The city does have a regulation in place of a five-foot set-back from the property line for buildings, structures, etc. Mary agreed that she would approach the neighbor and discuss their concerns.

A park ordinance was discussed. At this time, the City of Wood Lake does not have a park ordinance in place. This discussion was tabled for a later time.

The 2024 General Budget process began by going through line items under Disbursements. Allen Chrisman presented proposed numbers for the Public Works and Park & Recreation sections. Once Disbursements were determined, Revenues were evaluated to determine the amount of property taxes. A motion was made by Brovold and seconded by Mueller to approve the General Budget as follows: Disbursements/General Government \$145,350.00; Public Safety \$18,650.00; Public Works \$121,100.00; Park & Recreation \$59,300.00; Street Improvement \$40,000.00; Fireman's Relief \$700.00. Grand total of Disbursements \$385,100.00. Included in disbursements, the city is offering its full-time employees an insurance allowance based off a projected 3.5% increase for 2024 premiums. This allowance for each employee is capped at the current amount offered. The insurance allowance is in lieu of insurance offered through the city.

Revenues/General Government \$288,813.00; Street Improvement \$40,100.00; Park & Recreation \$60,050.00; Fireman's Relief \$700.00. Grand total of Revenues is \$389,663.00.

Motion passed with all in favor. As part of the budget, terms for the Community Newsletter were discussed. Terms being that the city office would continue to help with the newsletter as long as the length of the newsletter and number of copies printed at the city office was reduced, and the newsletter is printed in black and white to reduce the cost for all parties involved.

The Utility Construction Fund and Utility Fund budgets were tabled until a later meeting.

Other Business: A motion was made by Brovold and seconded by Mueller to proceed with paying all open invoices listed on pay application #8 as grant funds have been received. Motions passed with all in favor.

Informational Items: Clerk purchased a used filed cabinet from the YME online auction via Grafe Auction.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Timm and seconded by Mueller to adjourn the special meeting. Motion passed with all in favor. Mayor David Stelter adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer