

The Wathena City Council met in session Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wathena City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Cluck. Council member John Hontz offered the prayer. Mayor John Cluck and Council members John Hontz, Aaron Cluck and Bob Halter answered roll call. Council members Cory Shue and Jarod Jackson were absent. Also present were City Clerk Tammy Bembrick, Police Chief Dennis Thompson, Superintendent Tim Smith, City Attorney Alan Boeh and Melanie Davis.

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Aaron Cluck to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023, council meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed and discussed the bills as presented by the City Clerk.

Motion was made by Bob Halter, second by Aaron Cluck to approve the bills as listed. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dennis Thompson presented the Council his activity report and discussed the following: activity report, traffic report and quiet low activity over the holidays.

City Superintendent Tim Smith presented the Council with his activity report.

The Council discussed the following items with City Superintendent Smith: Activity report, status of storm sewer tube replacement at 4th and Chase Streets, new lights along E. St. Joseph Street to the park, non-use of Evergy poles along the highway for additional safety and discussion with the State to put lighting in the highway right of way. Discussion followed.

Council discussed the following items with the City Attorney: Resolution 2024-1 regarding the annual waiver needed to allow the City to opt out of specific financial statements and reporting requirements.

Motion was made by Bob Halter, second by Aaron Cluck to adopt Resolution 2024-1 for the City's accounting waiver on financial statements and reporting requirements. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Council discussed the following items with the City Clerk: Certificates of Deposit report and election deadlines with the County.

The Council discussed the following items: Various grant funding for projects, financial help from outside groups for local matching of grant funds, lighting along 36 Highway, house fire at 601 Court and the process of dealing with the structure and or property, Patt Lilly submitted update of consulting activities, annual appointments of offices within the City and 2024 street resurfacing. Discussion followed.

Mayor made the following appointments:

Tammy Bembrick – City Clerk

Dennis Thompson – Chief of Police

Tim Smith – Superintendent of Streets

Legal Counsel – Reeder & Boeh

City Treasurer – Brandon Libel

Ted Collins – Municipal Judge

Employee Committee: John Cluck, Bob Halter, Cory Shue

Public Works/Finance Committee: City Clerk, Jarod Jackson, Cory Shue

Administrative Committee: City Clerk, Aaron Cluck, John Cluck

Streets Committee: City Superintendent, Bob Halter, John Cluck

Public Safety Committee: Police Chief, John Hontz, Aaron Cluck

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Bob Halter to approve the Mayor appointments. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor and Council member John Hontz requested a 15-minute executive session to

include Mayor, Council and City Attorney to discuss a legal issue.

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Aaron Cluck to go into a 15-minute executive session to include the Mayor, Council and City Attorney to discuss a legal issue. Vote-unanimous. Motion carried. Session began at 6:47pm.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:03pm. No action taken.

There being no further business, motion was made by Aaron Cluck, second by Bob Halter to adjourn the meeting. Vote -- unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04p.m.

ATTEST:



John Cluck, Mayor



Tammy Bembrick, City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT

Check Range: 12/31/2023-12/31/2023

VENDOR NAME	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	VENDOR TOTAL	CHECK#	CHECK DATE
CHRIS TRUSLER	WIFI/UPDATE FW CODE/UPDATE UNI		165.00	51263	12/31/23
M CON, LLC	4TH & CHASE STORM SEWER REPAIR		29,440.00	51264	12/31/23
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	Accounts Payable Total		29,605.00		

CLAIMS REPORT

Check Range: 12/20/2023-12/20/2023

VENDOR NAME	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	VENDOR TOTAL	CHECK#	CHECK DATE
TAMMY BEMBRICK	2023 REIMBURSABLE XMAS BONUS		150.00	51249	12/20/23
JARED R PICKERELL	METER READING TECH SUPPORT		250.00	51250	12/20/23
PATT LILLY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	2023 HOLIDAY BONUS		150.00	51251	12/20/23
DENNIS THOMPSON	2023 REIMBURSABLE XMAS BONUS		150.00	51252	12/20/23
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	Accounts Payable Total		700.00		

Claims Report

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Vendor	Reference	Vendor Total
Asplundh	Annual Tree Trimming	\$12,197.98
City of Elwood	Purchase water	\$13,345.84
Do. Co. Health Dept	Vaccine shots – Gaither	\$80.00
Euler Law Office	Legal services	\$500.00
Everygy	City facilities	\$105.61
KS State Treasurer	Muni court fees	\$47.00
Loyal American	Cancer insurance	\$89.20
Office Depot	Supplies	\$68.00
Otis Elevator	Mthly maintenance	\$376.71
Patt Lilly & Assoc	Monthly contract pymt	\$700.00
Petty Cash	Utility & misc mailings	\$222.32
Postmaster	Regular & postcard stamps	\$300.00
		28,032.66

BANK TOTAL	11899.40
REPORT TOTAL	11899.40

7059030	12/28/2023	1163	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING PAYROLL	3663.75
7059031	12/28/2023	1164	STATE OF KANSAS WITHHOLDING PR	539.63

			ELECTRONIC PAYMENT TOTAL	4203.38
			REPORT TOTAL	4203.38