The Wathena City Council met in session Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wathena City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Cluck. Council member Aaron Cluck offered the prayer. Mayor John Cluck and Council members John Hontz, Aaron Cluck, Cory Shue and Bob Halter answered roll call. Council member Jarod Jackson was absent. Also present were City Clerk Tammy Bembrick, Police Chief Dennis Thompson, Superintendent Tim Smith and City Attorney Alan Boeh.

Motion was made by Bob Halter, second by Aaron Cluck to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, council meeting. Vote – 3 Ayes(Hontz, Cluck, Halter) 1-Abstain(Shue). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Aaron Cluck, second by Bob Halter 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 traffic on Highway 36 in regards to the number of violations issued.

City Superintendent Tim Smith presented the Council with his activity report and discussed the following: Activity report, storm sewer tube at 4th and Chase Streets is complete except for seeding and topping the roadway, which depend on weather, Asplundh tree trimming is complete, snow removal and weather and scheduled meeting with R/S Electric and Border States on lighting along Highway 36 by Dollar General. Discussion followed.

Council discussed the following items with the City Attorney: Rules regarding certificates of deposit and options for them and dates and guidelines for submitting changes to the Sales Tax revenue.

The Council discussed the following items: Thanks to the City crew for getting the streets cleared and treated from the recent weather, status of delinquent real estate tax list given to County Attorney, Skyview Road street signs placed at the entrance to John Cluck property, Patt Lilly work on items to promote the vacant lot on the 300 block of St. Joseph Street and possibly getting Creal, Clark Architects to design a rendering of a building for it. Discussion followed.

Mayor requested a 10-minute executive session to include Mayor, Council, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss a legal issue.

Motion was made by Cory Shue, second by John Hontz to go into a 10-minute executive session to include the Mayor, Council, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss a legal issue. Vote- unanimous. Motion carried. Session began at 6:52pm.

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

Motion was made by Cory Shue, second by John Hontz to go into an additional 10-minute executive session to include the Mayor, Council, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss a legal issue. Vote-unanimous. Motion carried. Session began at 7:04pm.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:15pm. No action taken.

There being no further business, motion was made by John Hontz, second by Aaron Cluck to adjourn the meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:16p.m.

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