The Wathena City Council met in session Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wathena City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Cluck. Council member Bob Halter offered prayer. Mayor John Cluck and Council members John Hontz, Jarod Jackson, Aaron Cluck and Bob Halter answered roll call. Council member Cory Shue was absent. Also present were City Clerk Tammy Bembrick, Police Chief Dennis Thompson, Superintendent Tim Smith, City Attorney Alan Boeh, Melanie Davis and Chris Walter.

Motion was made by Jarod Jackson, second by Bob Halter to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, 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.

Mayor requested a 15-minute executive session to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Clerk and Chris Walter to discuss real estate issue.

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Bob Halter to go into a 15-minute executive session with Mayor, Council, City Clerk, City Attorney and Chris Walter to discuss a real estate issue. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried. Session began at 6:03pm

Regular meeting reconvened at 6:18pm. No action taken.

There were two building permits submitted for approval. Jerad Hawkins, new home construction at Weigant Subdivision, Mollie Street Lot 6 and Summit Truck Bodies for an additional building at the current location on Vernon Road.

Motion was made by Jarod Jackson, second by Aaron Cluck to approve the building permit submitted by Summit Truck Bodies at 990 Vernon Road. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Bob Halter, to approve the building permit submitted by Jerad Hawkins, at Mollie Street Lot 6 for a new 65'x 56' house construction. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dennis Thompson discussed the following with Council: Training in Wichita, current activity steady with traffic and cases, residency of officers and hiring additional officer, status and working on nuisance properties at 401 Benton and Wathena Park Homes, additional patrol at the high school, appearance of the property located at 2210-2212 Highway 36 and working with KDOT on traffic safety at intersection St. Joseph Street and 36 Hwy. Discussion followed.

City Superintendent Tim Smith presented the Council with his activity report and discussed the following: Activity report, snow clean up from previous week, cleaning streets and spot tree removal, transmission replacement on 2000 GMC dump truck, costs associated with placing additional lights on 36 Hwy, streets to be resurfaced in 2024, alley running from 5th Street up to the Catholic church, water meters continuing to be installed, water loss and certifications needed for maintenance employee. Discussion followed.

Motion was made Aaron Cluck, second by Jarod Jackson to accept the bid to replace the transmission in the 2000 GMC dump truck from Dirty Deeks in the amount of \$4,226.70. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Aaron Cluck to place additional lighting on 36 Hwy from the east side of driveway of Dollar General to west edge of Goacher Street Legends in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, contingent on the approval by KDOT to put in highway right of way. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Council discussed the following items with the City Attorney: City property located at 703 E. St. Joseph Street being given property tax exemption, Resolution 2024-2 to authorize the mayor to execute the Pooling Agreement with KMEA for the hydro power allocation to be

received by the City beginning October, 2024 and possible changes to the 1% Sales Tax only to expand the use of the sales tax revenue received with no increase in the percentage amount.

Motion was made by Jarod Jackson, second John Hontz to approve Resolution 2024-2 authorizing the execution of the Pooling Agreement with KMEA. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Hontz, second by Aaron Cluck to have the City Attorney write a resolution to expand the uses of the 1% Sales Tax to be voted on at the next council meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried.

Council discussed the following items with the City Clerk: Reorganization of the City owned certificates of deposit held with Farmers State Bank, the CDBG sidewalk grant status and correspondence with Snyder & Associates on the east side drainage work. Discussion followed.

The Council discussed the following items: timeliness of utility bills, sales tax on Dollar General since the opening, possible expansion of Chatagua Village, replacement needed for board member at Mo-Kan, status of dumpster on St. Joseph Street, extension of sidewalk on E. St Joseph Street to the entrance of the park, tapping fees for new residential construction, developing east side and other parts of the City, such as infrastructure and incentives to be able to market in the future, Hwy 36 changes including a needed turn lane, hunter's safety classes in Doniphan County, status of construction on Fast Gas station and voluntary annexation for John and Heather Cluck. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, motion was made by Jarod Jackson, second by Aaron Cluck to adjourn the meeting. Vote – unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:29p.m.

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			CORE & MAIN LP	METER SETTERS		3,099.36	51355 2/20/24
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			EULER LAW OFFICES	LEGAL SERVICES FOR COURT		720.00	51358 2/20/24
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