

Regular Meeting
February 10, 2025
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pat Showalter called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Mike Tyrell, and Bev Hall. Others present were City Superintendent Richard Hall, City Clerk Debbie LeDoux, Stan Foskett and TJ Fischer. Council member Cindy Fuentes-Ummel was absent.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: 1. Stan Foskett addressed the Council regarding street repair work ongoing in front of his property. His concerns and frustrations were acknowledged and will be addressed with contractors on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Stan left at 7:07 p.m.

2. TJ Fischer, Director of Public Affairs with Atmos Energy addressed the Council to inform them of plans for Atmos to lower the gas lines along the areas where street replacement will be occurring so that problems like the damage that was done on January 16, 2025, resulting in loss of gas service citywide can hopefully be avoided. Street replacement work is currently occurring on Avenue A from Gilmore east to Main Street and this is where two sections of Atmos gas main will be deepened, TJ Fisher has that work already approved and should begin in early March. The rest of the project, on Ave A from Main St on east will need approval from Atmos Corporate office. He requested that the City draft a letter requesting the work be done. Until engineering and corporate give approval, this work can't be done. TJ Fisher will do all he can to expedite it and keep us posted on the timeline. Scott Corsair moved for the letter to be drafted and emailed to TJ to forward on the Atmos Corporate office. Mike Tyrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. TJ left at 7:33 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communications were presented and acknowledged.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jeff Werth moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bev Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Code violations were discussed. No action is needed at this time.

2. Code Book was discussed. The City Clerk will work on getting it updated with current Ordinance changes. The City Attorney is working on other Ordinance changes that are needed.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. A date for Spring Clean-up was discussed. A date in mid to late April was suggested. The City Clerk will contact Mitch's Trash Service to have him select a couple of Wednesdays that will work for him and then coordinate with GBT, Ness County Road & Bridge and Lane-Scott to finalize a date that will work for all.

2. Yearly salary review – After discussion, Scott Corsair moved to adopt Ordinance #327, approving a salary of \$12,000.00 per year for City Clerk Debbie LeDoux. Jeff Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Scott Corsair moved to raise City Superintendent Richard Hall's hourly rate to \$26.00. Jeff Werth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Richard's wages will be revisited in May which will be his anniversary date and salary package may be offered.

3. Impending legal action against Scott Corsair which concerns alleged actions he has taken in the course of his official duties as councilmember and code enforcement officer were discussed. Jeff Werth moved to have City Attorney,

Tony Rues to defend the allegations and pursue legal action as deemed appropriate. Mike Tyrell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Scott Corsair abstaining. The City's insurance carrier will be contacted as insurance may cover the legal costs and may provide legal counsel.

4. Open seats for the upcoming 2025 election were discussed. Council members Bev Hal and Cindy Fuentes-Ummel and Mayor Pat Showalter will be up for election this year.

VOUCHERS: Jeff Werth made a motion and Scott Corsair seconded to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 p.m., Bev Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Werth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.