

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Russell City Council Meeting - Minutes

City Hall

Russell, KS

Present: Mayor Jim Cross, Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, Councilmember Monty Morrill, Councilmember Andrea Garland, Councilmember Lisa Schreiner, Councilmember Brad Wagner, Councilmember Blaine Stoppel, Councilmember Dustin Madden

Absent: Councilmember Michelle Wagner Schneider

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Cross opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. with the following staff members in attendance: City Manager Jon Quinday, Assistant Manager Kayla Schneider, City Attorney Ken Cole, City Clerk Ashley Mai, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Police Chief Jordan Harrison, Water Utility Director Randy Baker, Electric Utility Director Dave Sturgeon, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel, Building Official Roger Sells, and Treasurer Shayla Peck.

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Cross led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Lonnie Whitten made a motion to approve of amending the agenda to move Item 5c to the beginning of Presentations and Public Hearings. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS I

None

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.a Water Source, Production, and Conservation Recommendation

Water Utility Director provided a water source update

5.b Department Overview - Water Production, Distribution and Wastewater

Water Utility Director Randy Baker presented a department overview of Water Production, Distribution, and Wastewater

5.c Police Department Award Presentation

Police Chief Jordan Harrison presented Officer Matt Luder with the Lifesaving Award and School Resource Officer Trevor Musgrove the Award of Excellence

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.a Consent Agenda Items

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Items approved:

1. November 21, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Risk Management Reserve Expenditure - \$1,144.13 Damage Claim

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.a Special Event Application - Weihnachtsfest and Lighted Christmas Parade

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the special event application as presented. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilmember Andrea Garland abstaining as she is a board member for Russell Main Street, Inc.

7.b LSSE Grant Closeout

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the mayor to sign off on the LSSE Grant closeout. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7.c Ordinance Amending Electrical Rates Sold to Customers Operating Renewable Energy Resources

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the ordinance amending electrical rates for energy sold to customers operating renewable energy resources. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Update Sick Leave Buy Back Policy

Councilmember Brad Wagner made a motion to amend the Sick Leave Buy Back Policy as presented. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.b Resolution Establishing Employee Rate Schedule

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the resolution establishing employee rate schedules effective December 5, 2023, as presented. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.c Year End Transfers

Councilmember Lonnie Whitten made a motion to approve the proposed transfers as presented. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.d Review and Consideration of 10 Year Plans for the Capital Improvement, Equipment Reserve and Utility Reserve Funds

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the 10 Year Capital Improvement, Equipment Reserve and Utility Reserve Funds as presented. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.e Review and Consideration of Bids for Street Department Dump Truck – Snowplow Replacement

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to accept the bid for a 2025 International MV607 from Rush Truck Centers in the amount of \$157,421.76 and authorize the disposal, by public auction, of the 1983 Ford dump truck from the Street Department and the 1987 Chevy dump truck from the Parks Department. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.f Request for Funding from Johnson Trust for Demolition of Unsafe or Dangerous Structures

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve using the Duke Johnson Trust in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the demolition of dangerous or unsafe structures. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.g Consider Tenth Amendment to City Manager's Employment Agreement

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the tenth amendment to the city manager's employment agreement as presented. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.a Project Tracking

9.b Board Meeting Minutes of City Appointed Boards

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS II

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. GOVERNING BODY/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Mai, City Clerk