

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Russell City Council Meeting - Minutes

City Hall

Russell, KS

Present: Mayor Jim Cross, Councilmember Blaine Stoppel, Councilmember Dustin Madden, Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, Councilmember Andrea Garland, Councilmember Lisa Anstaett, Councilmember Brad Wagner, and Councilmember Luke Brandenburg

Absent: Councilmember Michelle Wagner Schneider

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Cross led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Luke Brandenburg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS I

Mr. Friday Otuya introduced himself as a community engagement specialist with Nex-Tech.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.a Community Impact Award Presentation

Mayor Jim Cross presented Andrew Ochamphugh with the March 2024 Community Impact Award

5.b Employee of the Quarter Recognition

Mayor Jim Cross recognized Carol Reynolds as the Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2024

5.c Excellence in Reliability Recognition

Mayor Jim Cross recognized the City's electric utility for the American Public Power Association's national recognition Excellence in Reliability for 2023

5.d Water Source, Production, and Conservation Recommendation

Water Utility Director Randy Baker provided an update on the current water source status.

5.e 2025 Budget - Financial Review and Budget Goals

City Manager Jon Quinday presented an overview of the unaudited 2023 financials.

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 to approve:

1. April 2, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes
2. Appropriation Ordinance A-04-24
3. March 2024 Financials
4. Contractor Licenses
5. Request of Reduction of Fees for Golf Tournament - Delta Mu and VFW.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.a Professional Engineering Consultants Work Order 23-01 - Main Street Revitalization

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the Work Order 23-01 from Professional Engineering Consultants for the Main Street Revitalization Project in the amount of \$1,150,000.00. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7.b Ordinance Amending City Code Section 2-116 Regarding Animal Impoundment and Boarding Fees

Councilmember Luke Brandenburg made a motion to approve the Ordinance amending City Code Section 2-116 regarding animal impoundment and boarding fees. Councilmember Lonnie Whitten seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Request for Public Hearing for a Dangerous Structures at 1226 N. Elm Street

Councilmember Luke Brandenburg made a motion to approve the resolution to set a public hearing at 4:30 p.m. on June 4th, 2024, for a dangerous structure at 1226 N. Elm Street. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.b Street Department Westside Metal Roof Restoration

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the bid from Yutzy Roofing for \$20,328.00 for the street department westside building roof restoration. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.c Discussion of Curfew Ordinance

Police Chief Jordan Harrison reviewed current ordinance for curfew with council.

8.d Annexation of City Owned Land

Council requested city staff to proceed with the annexation process for Fossil Lake owned by the City of Russell

8.e Discussion of Employee Residency Requirement

City Council requested staff to provide a resolution to remove the employee residency requirement for council to consideration at the May 7th, 2024, meeting.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.a Department Monthly Activity Reports

Public Works Director Rich Krause extended an invitation from the Civil Air Patrol for an open house on April 27, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS II

None

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.a Consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship.

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to recess into executive session to include the city manager, deputy city manager, water utility director, and city attorney to discuss pending litigation pursuant to the consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resume at 6:00 p.m. with no action taken

12. GOVERNING BODY/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Mai, City Clerk