



# City Commission Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 09, 2022 at 5:00 PM  
Commission Chambers, 124 S Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m. Mayor Cleveland called the Special Meeting of August 9, 2022.

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Greg Cleveland  
Commissioner Sherrie Eaton  
Commissioner Kenny Hodson Jr.  
Commissioner Eric Smith  
City Clerk/Administrator Cyndra Kastens, Police Chief Kenny Hodson, Deputy City Clerk Sherri Miller, Power Plant Superintendent Larry Berry, Water/Wastewater Dept Head Terry Stark and Electric Distribution Dept Head Jerry Angle.

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Jan Lanie

Commissioner Lanie entered the room at 6:58 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

#### 1. Approval to Submit Bids for:

##### **In-Town Sub Regulator Reconditioning/Repair**

A motion was made to approve the request to submit bids for In-Town Sub Regulator reconditioning/repair.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Mayor Cleveland.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Smith

**Stock Pole Mount Transformers (6-5KVA, 6-10 KVA, 6-15KVA, 6-25 KVA, 5-37.5KVA)**

A motion was made to approve the request to submit bids for stock pole mount transformers (6-5 KVA, 6-10 KVA, 6-15 KVA, 6-25 KVA, 5-37 KVA).

Motion made by Commissioner Eaton, Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Smith

### **2022 & 2023 Alley Projects**

A motion was made to approve the request to submit bids for the 2022-2023 alley projects.

Motion made by Commissioner Hodson Jr., Seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Smith

### **Wire Trailer**

A motion was made to approve the request to submit bids for a wire trailer.

Motion made by Commissioner Smith, Seconded by Commissioner Eaton.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cleveland, Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Hodson Jr., Commissioner Smith

## **2. Budget Work Session:**

### **Electric Department Budget**

Administrator Kastens presented the 2023 Electric Dept draft budget. After lengthy discussions and presentations, the Commission approved the following:

1. Approve all 2022 & 2023 transfers as presented to fund the capital, equipment, 2017 bond, and meter replacement programs.
2. Selected to start to move in the direction of AMI meters instead of AMR when it is time to replace them in the future and start funding a meter replacement program for this later purpose.
3. Replace the AMR meter reading equipment now to carry us until future meter replacement.
4. Repair the meter reading truck rather than replace it.
5. Send out bids now for 2022 budget to repair and recoat the power plant roof.
6. Go out for bid to bring back investment potential for dedicated bond and meter replacement funds.

### **Squirrel Guards**

As requested by the Commission, Jerry Angle reported back on his research for options to place on electric poles to help reduce outages caused by squirrels. The Commission approved the plastic squirrel guards to be used at Angle's discretion on areas of repeated squirrel issues.

## **Community/Economic Development Fund**

The Administrator discussed this topic very briefly for the 2023 budget and requested more time to review options.

## **Employee Merit Increases**

After this second discussion, the Commission guided the Administrator to leave the 2023 budget as prepared with 1.5% merit and 5.28% COLA subject to change pending the presentation of the compensation study next month.

### **3. Executive Session to Interview Prospective Personnel Pursuant to “Personnel Matters of Nonelected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1).”**

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Cleveland made a motion to go into Executive Session for one hour until 8:15 p.m. to Interview Prospective Personnel Pursuant to “Personnel Matters of Nonelected Personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1).” Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The Commission chambers were cleared with the Commissioners, City Administrator, and Job Candidate remaining present.

At 8:15 p.m., Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session ten minutes until 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:24 p.m. Commissioner Lanie left the meeting. Commissioner Hodson stepped out for a moment.

At 8:25 p.m. Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session five minutes until 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

At 8:26 p.m. Commissioner Hodson returned to the meeting.

At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session five minutes until 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Cleveland made a motion to extend the executive session five minutes until 8:40 p.m. Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Cleveland called the special meeting back to order. No binding action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the special meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Gregory Cleveland, Mayor

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City Clerk/Administrator Cyndra Kastens