



Mangum Utility Authority Meeting Special

January 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM, or immediately following City Commission
City Administration Building at 130 N Oklahoma Ave.

Record of Minutes

The Trustees of the Mangum Utility Authority will meet in regular session on January 19, 2024, immediately following the City of Mangum Commission meeting for such business as shall come before said Trustees.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Peterson called meeting to order at 5:52

ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

PRESENT:

Commissioner Michelle Huckabay

Commissioner Dixie Peterson

Commissioner Mark Chapman

ABSENT:

Commissioner Judith McCaslin

Mayor Jackie Menasco

OTHER ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action with regard to renewing the Interlocal Agreement for the Operation of Emergency Medical Services between the City of Mangum, Mangum Utility Authority, and the Greer County Special Ambulance District. The Agreement provides that, unless renewed by both parties on or before February 1, 2024, it expires on its own terms on June 30, 2024. The Ambulance District has advised the City of Mangum and the Mangum Utility Authority that it intends NOT to renewing the Interlocal Agreement.

Landon Brooks speaks on behalf of the Greer County Ambulance Service, first apologizes for the miscommunication. Greer County Ambulance Services does wish to renew. They request this contract automatically re-new. Landon presented financials stating they are not where they want to be but better than they were. Ambulance service biggest expense has been employee expenses such as training and uniforms, second largest expense is payroll. They went from having two crews down to one since December to help cut expense and balance the need. Reported 1046 calls from January through December, the most ever. They are looking into Grants for a new Cabin Chasey and knows they will need another ambulance soon but again finding the balance on the needs to get the services going.

Vice Chairman Peterson asked the status of Granite paying the monthly fee plus the ad valorem tax agreed upon, to her knowledge this has not been done. Landon confirmed Granite is currently paying the monthly \$12 fee but not sure on the ad valorem this year. He believes they paid it the year before last but doesn't know this years status. He will do some calling and look into that.

Vice Chairman Peterson talks about Elk City and Altus possibly combining EMS with the Fire Department. She knows it's not ideal but would it be more cost effective?

Michael Poe with Greer County Ambulance District comments on Greer County size and not being able to compare our area to bigger cities such as Altus and Elk. He doesn't believe the City could afford to pay employees to do both EMS/Fire. Not to mention they may not want to therefore potentially lose good employees.

Commissioner Huckabay states the \$12 fee does seem high when our surrounding communities are being charged \$2 to \$3 in their area. Mr. Poe states again those communities are much larger, Mr. Brooks does not believe Greer County will have an Ambulance Service if this doesn't stay in affect.

Interim City Manager Erma Mora speaks requesting if the vote is to continue the services with the \$12 monthly charge, she seeks for the City to receive \$2 of the said fee for processing bills and answering questions regarding the fee. Several residents do not feel they should be charged for a fee their insurance covers. The City employees ultimately deal with the consequences of these changes when it affects billing. This \$2 will help with paper, printer contracts, etc.

Vice Chairman Peterson believes another Public Hearing for this could be beneficial to the community. This contract has been ongoing for approximately two years and it would be nice to hear some feedback if any from the community. Mr. Brooks states he's available to speak and answer any questions the community may have. The contract is currently active through June 2024 so this hearing allows the Commissioners time to make a decision at a later time following the Public Hearing.

Motion to table pending Public Hearing made by Vice Chairman Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Huckabay.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Huckabay, Vice Chairman Peterson, Commissioner Chapman

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn 5:53

Jackie Menasco, Mayor

Ally Kendall, Interim City Clerk