

CITY OF CAWKER CITY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
**May 12, 2021** 7:30 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-CAWKER CITY,

Work Session-Sign off on bills

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:** Barb Wise, Lisha Wiese, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle & Doug Bader

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Denelle Mick, Charles Gullion, City Attorney Chantz Martin

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Drew Duskie made the following appointments for the year of 2021. They are Denelle Mick-City Clerk, Viki Aramendi- Ass. City Clerk/Treasurer, Chantz Martin-City Attorney, Bruce Berkley-Municipal Judge, Charles Gullion – Utility Super, Mark Harding- Ass. Utility Super, Charles Lowe-Street Forman, Chris Thornton-Fire Chief, Nick Koster- Ass. Fire Chief, Cushing Ins. Agency Inc.- Insurance Agency of Record, Farmers & Merchants Bank-Official Bank Depository, Cawker City Ledger-Official Newspaper, Rollin Roth-Utility Hearing Officer, Colleen Eberle, Traci Diel, Nick Werthmann, Rollin Roth, Doug Bader, Dionn Hake & Cory Frasier-Five Year Plan for the City Park Committee. B. Wise made a motion to approve the 2021 Mayor appointments. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**CONSENT AGENDA:**D. Bader made a motion to approve the April 14 regular council meeting & May 4 special meeting. B. Wise seconded April 14 special meeting L. Wiese abstained motion carried 4 AYES – May 4 council meeting C. Eberle abstained. Motion carried 4 AYES. C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1521A. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** D. Bader made a motion to approve the building permits for Wayne Reed-carport, Bill Brummer-cement slab, Tammy Hoffman-storage unit. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Fence permit was presented from the Farmers & Merchants Bank but was tabled till the June meeting, more information was needed, council asked C. Gullion to talk to Ross. B. Wise made a motion to approve the use of the golf course club house for Cunningham telephone on June 26 and for Tom White on September 5. L. Wiese seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**PUBLIC COMMENT & VISITORS:** Ashley Clausen, Sheri Naasz- Cushing Ins., Jan Nolde-Auditor, Julia Inskeep

Ashley Clausen was present to ask for a donation for Waconda Baseball to help purchase equipment. D. Bader made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Waconda Baseball for equipment. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Sheri Naasz from Cushing Insurance presented the City with an EMC check for \$6,654.00 for earned safety practices. Sheri thanked the City for the business and for all the hard work the employees put in to keep things safe. Jan Nolde – City Auditor was present to discuss the City audit for the 2020. She reviewed the audit report with the council and answered questions in regards to the audit. She stated that there were several new policies, she would like to be put in place and talked about segregation of duties that needed to be addressed, she thanked the council for the continued good work. Clerk Mick asked Jan about SB13 and she stated that she would get back to her about that after she attended the budget meeting at the end of the week. D. Bader made a motion to accept the 2020 audit. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** City Attorney Martin reviewed the common wall law with the council.

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:**

**C. Gullion:** C. Gullion reported on K-dot coming to town to take a look at the City Storm drain system. Several council men, K-dot employees & Schwab Eaton were present to look over the project and discuss with Dawn Hueske, P.E. – local

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road engineer. A letter of support of the storm drain project was signed by Mayor Duskie and sent to Dawn Hueske. The water tower project was opened up for discussion. With the prices presented for repairs of the water tower the council is looking at possibly replacing the water tower. Council asked that Clerk Mick contact Schwab-Eaton about attending the June meeting in regards to this issue. Also, discussion was held in regards to the switching of wells, council asked C. Gullion to do some further checking on this. C. Gullion asked to purchase cold patch and super patch at a total cost of \$2,850.00. D. Bader made a motion to purchase cold patch and super patch at a cost of \$2,850.00. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES C. Gullion reported that the cost to fix the street damage at 609 Locust that was caused by semi-truck parking, would cost approximately \$7,000.00. This repair would not include the damage at the corner intersections. Consensus of council is that the city streets were not built for this kind of traffic and that the city could not afford to repair them. Council asked city attorney Martin to draft an ordinance prohibiting the parking of semi-trucks on residential streets and they would further address the issue at the June 9, 2021 meeting. C. Gullion stated that he had been approached about a new house construction in town, and that it would be built by the property owner himself. Council asked that he first get a building permit from the individual and they would move on from there. Discussion on people not getting building permits till after the project was completed and suggested that a fine needed to be attached if a building permit was not filed prior to project completion. Council asked City Attorney Martin to address this issue.

**D. Mick:** Clerk Mick reported on some possible contribution on Storm Drain project if requested. Clerk Mick put the American Rescue Plan in council packet for them to review and stated that this money could be used towards water projects. Contract for City Aid was presented. C. Eberle made a motion to accept the contract with City Aid for preparation of City budget and bookkeeping support. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 Ayes A citizen had requested to only pay one sewer charge on a duplex and Clerk Mick asked for council suggestions. Consensus of council was that the location continues to pay two sewer fees. Information was provided for a citizen requesting outside electric sources, this was for information only. The City did not get the grant for the City/County building, Clerk Mick stated she would continue to look for ways to fund this project, she is still working on the fire station grant. City employee evaluations were made available if council wished to look at.

**J. Reed:** Reeds monthly report was in council packet and the council reviewed it. J. Reed requested that he possibly do some CPR & AED training for the city employees. Council agreed that this would be a good idea and told him to set up the time with city employees. Several new locations for misplaced animals were Pet Connection and Country Side Vet., council asked J. Reed to check out these two possibilities.

**ORDINANCES:** Resolution:3-2021 Establishing a Storm Drain Reserve Fund D. Bader made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2021 Establishing a Storm Drain Reserve Fund. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 5 AYES Ordinance #1170 updating code 2-206. B. Wise made a motion to pass Ordinance #1170 the updating of code 2-206 (the increasing of fines) D. Bader seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1.** Clerk Mick reminded the council of the filing deadline of June 1, 2021.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The library board requested the appointment of Steve McMillan to a two-year term on the Library board. L. Wiese made a motion to appoint Steve McMillan to the library board for a two-year term. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES
2. A Deposit retention policy was presented to the council by Clerk Mick, this policy would allow the city to hold utility deposits until the customer electric overage charge is paid in full. C. Eberle made a motion to establish a Deposit retention policy. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

9:10p.m. – D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

Approved:

City Clerk: