Work Session-Sign off on bills

Mayor Drew Duskie present and presiding called the meeting to order. **ROLL CALL:**  Barb Wise, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle, Doug Bader (Lisha Wiese absent)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT & VISITORS:** Bria Beck – NCKRP, Stuart Porter – Schwab-Eaton, Marc Hake, Julia Inskeep, Danetta Gochanour & her mother

Mayor Drew Duskie called KDHE public meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Brianne Beck for NCKRP went over the CDBG water tank grant information. She stated there were reasons the city was looking at replacing the current 110-year-old water tower. Top three reasons were age, cost of keeping up with repairs and the layers of paint that would need to be removed. Stuart Porter of Schwab-Eaton stated that estimated repairs on the current water tower would be around $300,000.00 and that there were no grants available for these repairs. The new towers approximate cost is around $900,000.00 with a 50% grant available for construction of a new tower. A new tower would be very beneficial for the city water infostructure. No questions were asked from the public visitors. 7:45 p.m. – B. Wise made a motion to close the KDHE public meeting. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Stuart Porter spoke briefly about KIAC meeting, he felt everyone was very positive in regards to the new water tower project. Clerk Mick asked him to speak briefly on the KDOT storm drain project and the process of the program. Council expressed their appreciation to Stuart & Bria for all the work they are doing to help the city move forward with these projects.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**D. Bader made a motion to approve the July 14 regular council meeting and the July 27 special council meeting. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES. C. Eberle made a motion to approve claims ordinance 1524A. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**PERMIT APPLICATIONS:** C. Eberle made a motion to approve the building permit for a new modular home for Mike Gochanour at 1018 Locust St. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Danetta Gochanour reported to the council that during the transition for removal of their old trailer and the arrival of their new home, they would be staying in their camper in the yard. She stated that they hoped that would be only for a couple of weeks at the longest. Council advised her if it was longer, she needed to contact the city office, since the city has an ordinance against living in a travel trailer. C. Eberle made a motion to approve the building permit J. Adams for an above ground storm shelter. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to approve the rental of the golf club house on August 21 to Lance McCune. D. Bader seconded Motion carried.

Marc Hake was present to discuss some options for a truck parking area for his truck. The City had discussed some possible city owned property with Marc at the previous meeting. After researching the area and the costs to bring the property up to his needs, Marc stated that at this time he will pass on the city property. Council asked Clerk Mick to double check the property taxes on the above said property.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**  City attorney Martin presented Ordinance 1172 (CMB updates) and 1173 (Building permit update that includes fines if permits not applied for before construction starts. D. Bader made a motion to pass Ord. 1172. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to pass Ord. 1173 updating building permits. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Attorney Martin briefed the council on the BC/BS contract renewal. B. Wise made a motion to renew a 3-year contract with BC/BS. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

**CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT: C. Gillion:** Guillion reported to the council that he was having problems with sewer pumps on the east side. He stated that there has been debris and grease coming through causing the impellers to break off. The cost to fix the sewer pumps is approximately $2,380.73. D. Bader made a motion to purchase pump repairs from Environmental & Process Systems for the amount of $2,380.73. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Council asked Gullion to visit with the business owners on the east side about possible grease disposal down the city sewer lines. Gullion explained that we have to have someone come in and do line stops when working on fire hydrants at a cost of $2,800.00 each time. Previously the council had authorized Gullion $3,000.00 to purchase a valve exerciser, but he has not been able to find a good used one, if the city owned this piece of equipment, they would not have to hire a line stop. D. Bader made a motion to allow Gullion to purchase a new valve exerciser at a cost of $8,700.00. This expense would be paid out of the sales tax reserve fund. B. Wise seconded Motion carried 4 AYES C. Eberle made a motion to allow the city to do a line stop at a cost of $2,800.00 while waiting to purchase a valve exerciser. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES Carrico has notified the city if we are wanting to do our scheduled updates on our mowers and skid steer we would need to do now, due to the delay in delivery of new equipment. Hopefully the order will be filled by spring of 2022. Gullion reported that the old street sweeper had been sold on Purple Wave Auction for $3,600.00. This amount was applied to the current lease purchase option on the different street sweeper the city just purchased.

**D. Mick:** Clerk Mick reported that the City had received $32,844.48 ARP funds. The City will receive $32,844.48 in 2022 from the ARP funds. These funds will be used by the City for water and sewer infostructure. She reminded the council that the September council meeting will start at 7, due to the public budget hearing and also the KDHE & CDBG public hearing will be held at that time. Clerk Mick stated that Dunstan Trash has contacted her about the trash renewal that is set to expire 12/31/21. Dunstan stated they would like to renew for 3 years with no rate changes. Clerk Mick stated that she had talked with Tyler Dunstan in regards to some possible changes in the wording in the current contract and he said he didn’t see any problem making that change. Council stated that they were good with their service and they would talk in November with Dunstan with renewal of contract. Clerk Mick talked to the council about the road running south of the cemetery, she had recently received some complaints about the condition of the road. Council asked her to send letters to the township and the two cemetery boards and ask them to come to the September council meeting.

**J. Reed:**  Reed was not present, but report was placed in council packet

**RESOLUTIONS** B. Wise made a motion to approve Resolution transfers per 2021 budget. D. Bader seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

1. B. Wise made a motion to approve the payment of a special event insurance policy for the Cawker City Picnic activities at an approximate cost of $500.00. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 4 AYES
2. At the July Community Club meeting they voted to gift the Ball of Twine to the City of Cawker City. The bylaws for the Community Club were presented and City Attorney Martin stated that they would need to be updated with the new ownership. He stated he would take care of getting it updated.

**Council report**: B. Wise reported on the Land Bank Program and stated it would be good to have Heather Hartman come to the next council meeting and give a presentation. Council agreed and Barb stated she would talk to Heather. Mayor Duskie stated that someone had approached him about buying the City/County building. Consensus of council was that the city did not want to sale at this time. C. Eberle gave a brief update on the Cawker City Picnic. B. Wise stated that she would start working on updating the City Personnel Book if council wanted her to. Council agreed that it needed to be updated and if she had time to start working on it to move forward.

9:15p.m. -D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Eberle seconded Motion carried 4 AYES

Approved:

City Clerk: