

CITY OF CAWKER CITY
Special Council Meeting
March 8, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
804 Locust Street-CAWKER CITY, KANSAS

To the Honorable Drew Duskie, Mayor, we request you call a special meeting of the City Council to be held at the Cawker City Municipal Building, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The nature and general purpose of the special meeting:

1. Sunflower Electric rep- Discussion of Electric charges from February cold weather

To the members of the City Council, I acknowledge your request to call a special meeting of the council and issue a call for such a meeting. Drew Duskie- Mayor

5:30 p.m. – Mayor Drew Duskie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Barb Wise, Carl Suter, Cole Eberle, Doug Bader (Lisha Wiese absent)

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Denelle Mick, Chuck Gullion , Viki Aramendi & City Attorney Chantz Martin

Erica Villarreal of Sunflower Electric was present to review the electric charges for the City of Cawker City. She explained what they refer to a 100 year perfect storm event. Erica stated to the council that during the month of February the City used 432,398 kWh, at the price of .283/kWh. The total for this usage would cost approximately \$122,368.63 to the City. She wanted the council to understand that the 432,398 kWh were already billed to the city at the regular rate in the March 10, 2021 billing. The 432,398 then will be billed at the .283kWh on the April 10, 2021 billing, giving the City time to decided how to handle the large amount due. This amount would be added to the current cost of \$22,567.07 for the month February. She reviewed with the council exactly what happened during this billing period. The council asked questions about and why this happened, she presented a slide presentation on all the things that took place and how it took all resources to get through the period of high usage. She stated that Sunflower electric was offering a 2 year pay out on the \$122,368.63 with interest. She also reported that there would be a loan program through the State of Kansas also. The council thanked her for coming and that we would be getting back with them, once the council made a decision. City Attorney Martin presented the loan program from the State of Kansas. The interest rate would be lower and it would give a longer pay out period. With the state loan the city would need to offer some money out of their reserve funds if possible to participate in this loan program. Clerk Mick reported on several different options for spreading out the individual electric usages for each customer. She stated that she felt it needed to be broke down on an individual basis and was checking on how the software could separate it out on each monthly bill. Council stated that they would review all information presented and would be ready to make a decision at the regular council meeting on Wed., March 10, 2021. City attorney Martin reminded them that if they went with the state loan a decision had to be made Wed, since the deadline for the loan program was March 15, 2021.

6:40 p.m- D. Bader made a motion to adjourn. C. Eberle seconded. Motion carried 4 AYES

APPROVED:

CITY CLERK: