

CITY OF WAGONER
SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING
231 CHURCH STREET
JUNE 15, 2023
12:00 P.M.

DALTON SELF, MAYOR
DWAYNE ELAM, SUPERINTENDENT
KEN HICKS, ATTORNEY
KELLY GROOMS, FIRE CHIEF

RHONDA K. HASH, CITY CLERK
DONNA S. JONES, TREASURER
BOB HALEY, CHIEF OF POLICE
JIM ROBERTS, EMS DIRECTOR

Jimmy Butler
Anthony Wagoner
Brenda Lenard
Kevin Higginbottom

Patrick Sampson
Gayla Wright
Larry Abernathy
Steven L. Rhoden

Meeting tape recorded by Rhonda K. Hash, City Clerk
Agenda Posted: June 13, 2023 @ 11:45 P.M.

THE CITY OF WAGONER SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY
MAYOR SELF AT 12:00 P.M. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF COUNCILOR WAGONER.

1. Discussion – Public Hearing on 2023/2024 City and EMS Budgets

Mayor Self announced that this was the Public Hearing for the proposed City and EMS Budgets for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and advised that this was the time that the public could comment on these proposed budgets.

Tonya Sappington spoke to the Council and asked that they designate money towards parks and playgrounds. She gave information on some grant opportunities she is working on to get equipment and improvements to the parks in Wagoner. She advised that we should be spending money on tangible things and not events such as Bluegrass and the Halsey exhibit. Discussion was held as to the amounts of these grants and what matching funds would be required. Councilor Sampson inquired as to how long it would take to be reimbursed for things funded by the City of Wagoner. Ozella Virgil inquired as to what type of equipment Ms. Sappington was looking at putting in the parks. Discussion was held as to these grants.

2. Discussion and planning of 2023/2024 City and EMS Budgets

Dwayne went over changes to the City of Wagoner budget since the last budget meeting. Changes were highlighted for the Council to review. Discussion was held as to these changes.

Councilor Sampson advised that he had a question on the longevity pay proposal in the budget. Councilor Sampson proposed not giving the longevity pay until an employee had been here five years but giving a bonus of \$300.00 to employees not having five years of service. This \$300.00 would also be added on to the longevity pay for all other employees. Extensive discussion was held between Council and staff as to this proposal. Discussion was held as to the amending of the budget at a later date if this plan was put in effect.

Dwayne went over the Capital Projects budget for City of Wagoner and highlighted changes.

Dwayne then went over the EDF Budget and changed to that budget since last meeting. The Halsey lease has been reduced to \$12,500.00. Discussion was held as to this budget and the highlighted changes.

3. Discussion and possible action – Amendments to 2023/2024 City and EMS Budgets

Councilor Sampson again discussed the change he would like to make to the longevity plan. Discussion was held and it was determined that we could address at a later date and amend the budget if necessary.

Discussion was held as to the Halsey lease and it was noted that this was strictly a budget meeting to discuss funding and not a promise to pay for the lease. This can also be amended at a later date.

Councilor Sampson brought up having a full-time Assistant Director for EMS. Discussion was held as to this and no amendments were made at this time.

4. Discussion and possible action – To approve or approve Resolution No. 752 – A resolution accepting and approving the 2023/2024 City and EMS Budgets

Motion by Councilor Abernathy, second by Councilor Higginbottom to approve Resolution No. 752. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, absent; Lenard, yes; Higginbottom, yes; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, yes; Sampson, yes.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Discussion and possible action – To approve or not approve Resolution No. 751 – A resolution authorizing participation in the OMAG Recognition Program.

Rhonda told the Council that we had received the training from OMAG in May and we needed to pass this resolution and send to OMAG to get our recognition funding.

Motion by Councilor Abernathy, second by Councilor Butler to approve Resolution No. 751. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, absent; Lenard, yes; Higginbottom, yes; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, yes; Sampson, yes.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Discussion and possible action – To employ Hood & Associates, CPA's as auditor of City records for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2023

Councilor Wright inquired as to whether we had looked for another company to do this audit and Councilor Sampson asked about getting a more in-depth audit. Laura Duvall explained that this was a new company and the 6/30/2022 audit was the first one they had done for us. She also detailed some of the items they pulled to look at. Both Laura and Rhonda advised that this was a thorough audit.

Motion by Councilor Abernathy, second by Councilor Butler to employ Hood & Associates, CPA's as auditor of City records for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2023. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, absent; Lenard, yes; Higginbottom, yes; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, yes; Sampson, yes.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and possible action – To authorize the Mayor to execute documents required for the Hefner-Easley Airport Taxiway Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project. Documents will include FAA Grant Application and subsequent award; construction contract with Paragon Contractors, construction phase contract with Garver; and pay applications, invoices, and grant reimbursement and closeout items related as required.

This just authorizes Mayor Self to sign all grant related documents for this project.

Motion by Councilor Butler, second by Councilor Higginbottom to authorize the Mayor to execute documents required for the Hefner-Easley Airport Taxiway Rehabilitation Phase 2 Project. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, absent; Lenard, yes; Higginbottom, yes; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, yes; Sampson, yes.

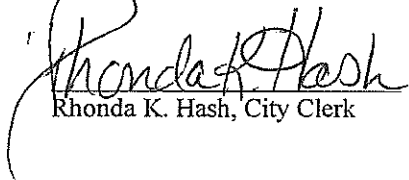
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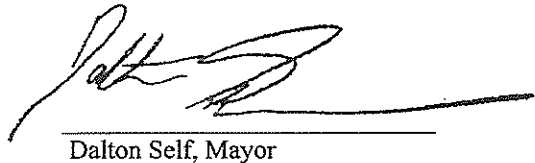
8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Butler, second by Councilor Lenard to adjourn the City of Wagoner Special Called Business Meeting. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, absent; Lenard, yes; Higginbottom, yes; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, yes; Sampson, yes.

**MOTION CARRIED
MEETING ADJOURNED**

Attest: Seal


Rhonda K. Hash, City Clerk


Dalton Self, Mayor