

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE QUIVIRA KANSAS
January 9, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Present

Mayor Brady Lilja
Council President Dave McCullagh
Councilmember Gayle Best
Councilmember Angela Gupta
Councilmember Greg Prieb, II
City Attorney Michelle Daise
City Administrator / City Treasurer Erin Leckey
City Clerk / Court Administrator Kathy Bounds
Chief of Police Fred Grenier

Absent:

Councilmember Annie Noland

Visitor's:

Dean Lytton – GM Quivira Inc.
Alex Vani – 370 Terrace Trail West

Call to Order

Mayor Lilja called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lilja led the Pledge of Allegiance. All were welcomed to participate.

Public Comments:

Alex Vani addressed the Council with a letter he wrote regarding Native American history. In his letter he quoted an "Indigenous Faculty Staff Alliance Land Acknowledgement", which he stated is read aloud before K-State University events. In his letter, he shared his views of Lake Quivira's history and its ties to Native American's. With respect to those views, he made a request to the Council to have a similar statement read before city events. The Council requested clarification on terms used in his letter, the context in which they were meant, and history points he referenced. After lengthy discussion, the Council determined more information is needed to make an informed decision. The Council invited Alex to return with more information and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mr. Lytton shared information with the Council he obtained earlier in the day regarding forestry funding opportunities. Via a Zoom call with the Kansas Community Foresters, he learned Congress recently awarded 1.5 billion dollars nationwide for forestry projects to be awarded in

2024. Municipalities are encouraged to apply for the funding. A few ideas were discussed such as road improvements on the city's three main roads, honeysuckle removal, and improvements with the 40-acres on Renner Road. Mr. Lytton will provide contact information for Kim Bomberger, NE District Community Forester. If Q Inc. qualifies for joint funding, the city and Q Inc. will explore filing a dual application for funding projects inside and outside of the gates.

New Business:

- i. **Consider bid from H&H Roofing & Restoration for City Hall roof repair for \$2,598.48.**

This repair is at the back of the building where water is leaking into the supply room adjacent to the Council Chambers following rain events. City attorney Daise recommended adding a not to exceed amount to the contract as well as a line item stating H&H Roofing will comply with contractor insurance requirements of the City of Lake Quivira and provide proof of such.

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion for the Council to approve a bid from H&H Roofing & Restoration for City Hall roof repairs in an amount not to exceed 2,600.00, subject to the receipt of proof of insurance as required by the city. **Second:** Councilmember Gupta seconded. **Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.**

Chief Grenier mentioned an ongoing leak in the roof over the police bay area. The city will request a bid for repair.

Approval of Minutes from: December 5, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. **Motion:** Council President McCullagh made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on December 5, 2022. **Second:** Councilmember Gupta seconded. **Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report:

Mayor Lilja informed the Council Erin has accepted a position outside of the city and provided her notice of resignation. Mayor Lilja, the Council, and city staff wish her much success in her new endeavors and expressed deep appreciation for her work and dedication to the city for the past 10+ years. Erin indicated she will provide the February Treasurer's Report but will be unavailable to attend the February Council Meeting. Mayor Lilja invited Erin to the March Council Meeting to extend a formal farewell from the city.

The December monthly treasurer's report was submitted by City Treasurer Leckey for review and consideration. **Motion:** Councilmember Best made a motion to approve the December 2022 treasurer's report. **Second:** Council Member Gupta seconded. **Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.**

SMAC Report – Bill Cole

Mr. Cole provided updates regarding SMAC supported projects. Watershed improvement projects due by 01/31/23 to be considered for 2024 funding. System management applications are due by 01/31/23.

NPDES MS4 annual report due 02/28/23. New this year, it can be submitted as a PDF.

Mr. Cole discussed the CARS program (County Assistance Road System), noting there could be road project funding for the Wyandotte County areas within the city that the city might qualify for (this does not cover Johnson County road projects). Mr. Cole encouraged the city to reach out to Lee Kellenberger, Urban Services Program Manager, to inquire.

Mr. Cole advised of urban staffing updates and provided a listing of current personnel and their position titles, noting there are three vacancies at this time.

Committee Reports:

Dam & Spillway Committee:

No report.

Land Development Committee:

Councilmember Prieb provided a bid from Greg Bair Track Hoe Service, Inc. in the amount of \$27,640.00 for demo services on the Renner Road property. Discussion related to the scope of services provided in the bid ensued. The Council would like to receive another bid before moving forward. Councilmember Prieb will obtain another bid.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Grenier provided his monthly report. An inquiry was made related to a theft report. Chief Grenier indicated it is still an open investigation and he could not provide information at this time.

An inquiry was made about the new part-time officer approved for hiring and whether he has started yet. Chief Grenier is still waiting on background paperwork to complete the hiring process. That should be complete in the very near future.

An inquiry was made about purchasing a new police car in 2023. Discussion ensued regarding the two cars we have now, their mileage and condition. The 2017 Ford Explorer (white car) is close to needing to be replaced. The 2019 Ford Hybrid is doing excellent. Hybrid and electric replacement options were discussed. Electric may be something our grant advisor can research for future consideration. Chief Grenier will begin researching new Hybrid car costs.

City Attorney's Report:

None.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Best: Councilmember Best reported she reached out to Matt Hanson with Witt O'Brien's to inquire about ADA grants as it relates to the City Hall terrace project. Mr. Hanson provided some general information; however, the contract to hire Witt O'Brien's is still in the finalization process, and once that is complete, they will be able to explore actual grant options.

Councilmember Best and Councilmember Prieb will be meeting with one of the contractors who submitted a bid for the Front Terrace project on Thursday.

Councilmember Best will reach out to Lee Kellenberger regarding the CARS program Mr. Cole mentioned earlier in the evening.

Councilmember Gupta:

No report.

Councilmember Prieb:

No Report. Councilmember Prieb inquired about the fireworks contract. Mayor Lilja replied he contacted the vendor (Rainbow Fireworks). They will be sending the contract over this week, and if it is returned by January 31st, we will receive a discount. City Attorney Daise recommended making a motion to approve the contract.

Motion: Council President made a motion to approve the fireworks contract with Rainbow Fireworks and authorize the mayor to sign it. **Second:** Councilmember Prieb seconded. **Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Noland:

Absent. No report.

Council President McCullagh: Council President McCullagh reported the fuel station island was power washed and it really improved the appearance. We are now on a quarterly schedule for that service.

Council President McCullagh provided year-end information for 2022 regarding the fuel station noting we sold 255k gallons of fuel and our profits were approximately 100k.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lilja shared Lake & Residential have been discussing a noise ordinance following complaints received. They are planning to take their recommendation to the Board at the January 31st meeting. Mayor Lilja read the recommendation that will be presented to the Board and wanted the Council to be aware as it may come before them in the months ahead for consideration.

Old Business:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Prieb seconded. **Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kathy Bounds
City Clerk



Brady Lilja - Quivira Inc., Q2 Board, Lake Quivira Foundation and Police.

Gayle Best - Tree City, Railroad, Aesthetics, Landfill, City Hall and Holliday Drive.

Vacancy - Dam/Spillway, Litigation, 4th of July/Fireworks, and Holliday Drive.

Dave McCullagh - Budget/Finance, Ordinances, Gas Station, Landfill Odor, Deer Harvest and Research.

Annie Noland - Employee Performance Reviews and Issues, Insurance, Web Presence and vacant fire station space.

Greg Prieb - Roads, Lake Preservation, Zoning and Development, Building Requirements and City Hall.