

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LAKE QUIVIRA KANSAS**  
**July 10, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mayor Brady Lilja  
Council President Dave McCullagh  
Councilmember Gayle Best  
Councilmember Angela Gupta  
City Attorney Michelle Daise  
City Clerk / Court Administrator Kathy Bounds  
Chief of Police Fred Grenier

**Absent:**

Councilmember Annie Noland  
Councilmember Greg Prieb, II

**Visitor's:**

Betsy Vossman – 550 Hillcrest Road  
Teresa Redlingshafer – 265 Terrace Trail West  
Steve Sestak – 489 Lakeshore East  
Kent Best – 375 Terrace Trail West  
Brent Johnson – Olsson Engineering  
Wally Meyer – 543 Lakeshore Drive West  
Chip Zimmer – 430 Navajo West  
Bill Cole – 143 Lakeshore Drive South  
Dan McCauley – 525 Lakeshore Drive East  
Paul Welcome – 530 Lakeshore West  
Win Zoellner – 440 Navajo Lane 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.

**Public comments**

None.

**New Business:**

1) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- i. On-site review of potential steel ladder/platform for easy access to community brush bins presented by Kent Best. The council and audience were invited outside to see a model of the type of stairs recommended. *More information under Councilmember Best's report.*
- ii. Consider Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). The county provided the city with its RNR of 16.27 on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The city is required to notify the county if they will be exceeding the RNR by July 20<sup>th</sup>. Following discussion related to funding needs for upcoming projects, and other budgetary items, the Council determined the city will need to exceed the RNR rate. The rate submitted to the county can be lowered during the RNR hearing, but it cannot be raised. Since the city is still working through the budget, and there are still some unknowns, the council chose to exceed the RNR to 21.0, keeping in mind this number will likely be reduced at the RNR hearing and be closer to what we have adopted in recent years.

**Motion:** Council President McCullagh made a motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate with an anticipated mill levy of 21.0. **Second:** Councilmember Gupta seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

- iii. Consider a bid from McAnany Construction in the amount of \$24,690.00 for road work beginning at the front of the guard house north to Crescent Blvd. This is a project in conjunction with a road work project Q Inc. will be doing running from the back of the guard house up to the club house. Tabled until the August Council Meeting.

#### **Approval of Minutes from:**

##### **Regular Council Meeting held on June 5, 2023**

**Motion:** Councilmember Best made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on June 5, 2023. **Second:** Council President McCullagh seconded. **Vote: 2-0. Motion carried.** Councilmember Gupta abstained due to absence from the June 5, 2023, meeting.

#### **Financial Report:**

The Council reviewed and approved the June Financial Report as provided in their agenda packet. **Motion:** Council President McCullagh made a motion to approve the June financial report as presented. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

#### **SMAC Report – Bill Cole.**

Mr. Cole recommended updating the Opti contact list to make sure all the appropriate people are receiving notifications. Also recommended follow-up with an Emergency Response Plan, especially as it relates to the dam, which should be reviewed annually.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Land Committee Report:**

Councilmember Gupta reported the committee met on June 26<sup>th</sup>. She provided an outline of discussion topics from the meeting:

- Silt fencing. Does it need to stay or come down. Consensus, it can stay for now.

- Point of contact person? Suggested Jake Heller.
- Anything outstanding that needs to be done on the land following the clearing? Nothing was known at this time.
- Desktop Analysis provided by Olsson. Significant erosion noted in the watershed; first phase recommendation is sediment mitigation and control.
- Consider measuring the lake to obtain a sediment baseline. Comment from the audience, one was performed approximately ten years ago.
- Need to formalize communications with Q Inc.
- Need to formulate a long-term plan for the land and engage the community for input.
- City to apply for county funding to assist with stormwater mitigation.
- Discussion - should City of Shawnee or the church be responsible for some of the runoff issues.
- Discussion related to financing of city debt on the land. Currently an interest only temporary note, which expires in 2025. Council President McCullagh provided information regarding General Obligation bonds once the temp note expires and explained it will run in tandem with bonding for the Dam & Spillway project – duration 20 years.

**Dam & Spillway Committee:**

**No report.**

**Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Grenier provided his monthly report. Mayor Lilja thanked Chief Grenier and his officers for working on the Fourth of July, noting there were no major incidents this year and it was a great event.

- i. Update re: applicants for Chief of Police position. The position has been posted with the Kansas Peace Officers Association. Five applications have been received so far.
- ii. Discussion of salary range for new Chief of Police. Chief Grenier communicated this is the main question applicants ask. A range had not been determined prior to posting the job opening. Chief Grenier recommended a salary range of \$79k - \$89k. Salary comparison reports have been provided to the mayor. Discussion related to making the position a salaried position vs. an hourly position ensued. Discussion of restructuring full-time/part-time positions ensued. All options are open for future discussion. The recommended salary range was approved. A vote/motion was not required.

**City Attorney's Report:**

No report.

**Council Reports:**

**Councilmember Best:**

Councilmember Best reported she has been going through Q Inc. invoices from last year to present to gain a better understanding of what the city is being charged for and to ensure we are only being billed for city charges. With that information, she has been working on a ground's maintenance agreement between the city and Q Inc. to better define the city's needs and help us stay within budget.

Councilmember Best followed up with information on the ladder the council and audience viewed earlier in the evening. The model was on loan from Lowe's but can be customized to the city's specifications. The cost will be between \$1k and \$2k dollars. Councilmember Best will get an exact quote and bring it before the council.

Councilmember Best reported on the Arbor Master's project of clearing brush and trimming trees along city streets. They started with an area just west of the city hall parking lot and cleared brush and dead trees exposing a beautiful oak tree in the process. They have been working along Renner Road for the past couple of days. Councilmember Best reached out to an individual who provided landscape work at her home to see if he would be interested in mowing areas along Renner Road that don't really require Arbor Masters to do the work. She is awaiting his reply.

**Councilmember Noland:**

Absent.

**Council President McCullagh:** Council President reported the gas station was out of services just before the Fourth of July holiday. There was a problem with the O ring collar at the pump which draws fuel out of the underground tanks and sends it to the dispenser. The damaged part was not allowing the pumps to dispense fuel. Double Check replaced the part and had the station back in service by the Fourth of July holiday.

**Councilmember Gupta:**

No report.

**Councilmember Prieb:**

Absent.

**Mayor's Report:**

No report.

**Old Business:**

- i. **Discussion regarding Q Inc's request for traffic enforcement on private property owned by Q Inc.** The Board will review the proposed Ordinance at their July meeting to ensure everything they have requested is covered. If they are satisfied with the proposed Ordinance, it will be brought before the Council to vote on at the August council meeting.

**Executive Session.**

None.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Councilmember Gupta made a motion to adjourn at 8:27p.m. **Second:** Council President McCullagh seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 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.