

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE QUIVIRA KANSAS
October 3, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Present

Mayor Brady Lilja
Council President Dave McCullagh
Councilmember Gayle Best – via Zoom
Councilmember Angela Gupta
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
Councilmember Greg Prieb, II

Visitor's:

Alyssa Marcy; Unified Government of Wyandotte County
Robert Whitman

Call to Order

Mayor Lilja called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comments:

None.

Visitors:

Mr. Robert Whitman, Shawnee resident, and supervising election judge for LQ, was at the meeting on his own behalf, not that of the election commission, to express his appreciation to the mayor, Council, and Ms. Bounds for their continued support and hospitality during the election season. He also expressed appreciation for the use of the council chambers as a polling precinct. Parking concerns were discussed. Carpooling for election workers was suggested to keep available parking spaces open for voters.

New Business:

Presentation of the goDotte Mobility Plan by Alyssa Marcy: Ms. Marcy provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the vision, strategy, and plan of the goDotte initiative. She explained the

goal of the Mobility Plan is to integrate all modes of travel into a cohesive system that provides convenient, safe, and equitable access for all in Kansas City Kansas, Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, and the Wyandotte County areas of Lake Quivira. Some of the initiatives include making public transportation more accessible, adding bike lanes, installing sidewalks for pedestrian safety, and interconnecting trail systems together. The UG has requested cities in Wyandotte County adopt a Resolution or City Ordinance in support of the goDotte Mobility Plan. Mayor Lilja thanked Ms. Marcy for the coming to the meeting and providing the presentation. The council expressed their appreciation as well.

Approval of Minutes from: September 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting. **Motion:** Council President McCullagh made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 12, 2022. **Second:** Councilmember Gupta seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Report:

The September monthly treasurer’s report was submitted by City Treasurer Leckey for review and consideration. **Motion:** Councilmember Best made a motion to approve the September 2022 treasurer’s report. **Second:** Council President McCullagh seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

SMAC Report – Bill Cole

No Report.

SIP Report – Bill Cole

No Report.

Committee Reports:

Dam & Spillway Committee: Council President McCullagh reported the committee met on September 16th. As previously reported, the proposal remains under the State’s review. Olsson will begin preparing a quote on design engineering to keep the project moving forward. Temporary note and general obligation bond terms were discussed, as were reserve fund options, mill levy analysis, and project timelines.

Land Development Committee: The committee has not met since the last Council Meeting. No new update.

City Attorney’s Report:

None.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Best: Councilmember Best received a bid, and anticipates receiving another bid, within the next couple of weeks related to the City Hall Front Terrace and ADA Ramp

Compliance Project. A third contractor had to withdraw from the bidding process due to time constraints with other projects he is working on.

Black box flyers were distributed over the weekend with information about the upcoming October 14th and 15th events. The events include City Union Mission donations, Waste Management large item pickup, and the Shred-it event. Information about each event is also on the city website and will go out via an eblast later this week.

Councilmember Best met with LJ at the clubhouse to discuss holiday lights. She inquired about plans for the Mayor's Christmas tree lighting ceremony as Councilmember Christy oversaw planning in years past. Mayor Lilja replied he, Kathy and Erin will work on the event this year.

Council President McCullagh: Council President McCullagh reported he will be meeting with students at the Johnson County Community College on October 18th to provide photos and share ideas for our recycling educational video.

Council President McCullagh provided a fuel station update, reporting September was our most profitable month to date since taking over management in June 2021. He also reported our first mishap at the station resulting from a drive-off with the pump still positioned in a customer's gas tank. As it was designed to do, the pump automatically shut off from dispensing fuel as it broke away from the dispenser. The unit that disengaged was repaired the next business day and all is back in working order.

Councilmember Noland:

No report.

Councilmember Prieb:

No Report.

Councilmember Gupta: Councilmember Gupta reported she and Kathy got the seed library set up and on display at the Q. It went over very well. The seeds were gone within the first week. We are looking into reordering more seeds and will restock the library once the seeds arrive. We are budgeting around \$250.00 for seeds. The goal is to keep the seed library open for part of the fall, close for the winter, and reopen it in the spring.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lilja reported he spoke with Dean Lytton and a few residents on separate occasions regarding the grant assistance service presented by Matt Hanson of Witt O'Brien's at the September 12th Council Meeting. Mayor Lilja noted everyone agrees grant writing is more complex than it was twenty years ago and using a service is highly recommended. Recommendations from the Council are to have a not to exceed amount as part of the contract agreement for each project. Mayor Lilja will reach out to Mr. Hanson regarding contract terms and City Attorney Daise will review the contract.

Mayor Lilja reported he, Chief Grenier, Mike Olson and Win Zoellner met regarding safety and security. Discussion included Q Inc. rules, Kansas laws, and what our police department can and cannot enforce on private property. Safety is the number one priority, and everyone agreed with that. Fred and the group will be working on updating enforcement policies within the community.

Mayor Lilja met with Building Official Jake Heller. Mr. Heller reported he had a member of the Planning Commission reach out to him with an appointment recommendation for a vacancy on the commission. Appointments can only be made by the mayor. Discussion ensued about appointments and the possibility of reducing the size of the commission from 9 members to 7.

Mayor Lilja reported Q Inc. will be hosting an Events Day on November 2nd. Representatives from various clubs and committees will be at the event and will be on hand to explain what their club or committee does. He noted there will also be a space reserved for the city as well. Mayor Lilja indicated he will be there on behalf of the city and would like another representative from the city to attend too. He believes the event is taking place during daytime hours.

Old Business:

Consider multi-year contract with Opti – up to five years. City Administrator Leckey provided a handout which contained three subscription options from Opti. Each option was up to a five-year period.

- Option A:** payment upfront \$41,250 through 2026
- Option B:** 8,250 with a fixed 5% annual increase (ending at \$10,028 in 2026)
- Option C:** 8,250 + CPI-U for Boston Area – amount depends on CPI

The Council discussed each subscription option offered by Opti. The most favorable option was option B; however, Council would like to negotiate it to a three-year term. Another option was to offer a lower annual fee, paid in advance, for three years. City Administrator Leckey will contact our Opti rep to inquire if the terms can be negotiated.

At 8:06 p.m. Councilmember Gupta reported she needed to leave the Council Meeting; however, she phoned in on Council President McCullagh’s cell phone, which he put on speaker, so the meeting would continue to have a quorum.

Executive Session:

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion that the Lake Quivira City Council recess into executive session to consider personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy rights of the employee (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)). Present will be the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, and if so requested, Chief of Police. The City Council will return from executive session no sooner than 8:25 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

Mayor Lilja called the meeting back to open session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion that the Lake Quivira City Council recess back into executive session to consider personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy rights of the employee (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)). Present will be the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, and if so requested, Chief of Police. The City Council will return from executive session no sooner than 8:37 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

Mayor Lilja called the meeting back to open session at 8:38 p.m.

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion that the Lake Quivira City Council recess back into executive session to consider personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy rights of the employee (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)). Present will be the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, and if so requested, Chief of Police. The City Council will return from executive session no sooner than 8:50 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

Mayor Lilja called the meeting back to open session at 8:51 p.m.

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to give Chief Grenier a \$4.00 an hour raise and make it retroactive from the pay period beginning September 18, 2022. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 2-0.** Councilmember Gupta abstained. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 3-0. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 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.