

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

Present:

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

Visitor's:

Wally Meyer
Chip Zimmer
Dan McCauley
Paul Welcome
Mike Pasley

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.

Mayor Lilja recognized Officer Todd Bledsoe with a plaque and gift card in honor of his eight years of dedicated service with the Lake Quivira Police Department and to the community. Todd is entering retirement on November 9th. The city and community wish him well in his retirement. He will be greatly missed.

Consider approval of minutes from the October 2, 2023, regular Council Meeting. Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Council Meeting on October 2nd. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Councilmember Noland presented the October Financial Report(s).

- Projections through the end of the year are favorable, and it is not anticipated there will be a need for an amendment to the budget.

- The fuel station continues to show profit.
- Mow and Landscape: a contract is being drafted between the city and Q Inc. for these services. This will include a not to exceed limit. If the limit is to be exceeded, Q Inc. will request approval from the city before proceeding. This is being designed to keep the services within its budgeted line item moving forward. This expense has increased significantly over the past couple of years.
- Trash service will be over budget by approximately \$15k by year end. The 2024 budget has been increased to be better aligned with actual costs for these services.
- The temp note monies for the Spillway Rehab Project will have its own funding/expense line item and invoices will all be charged to this line item for the project. This will help to differentiate regular operating expenses from spillway expenses.

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to approve the October Financial Report.

Second: Councilmember Prieb II seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

New Business:

None.

SMAC Report – Bill Cole

No report.

Committee Reports:

Dam & Spillway Committee:

Councilmember Noland provided an update to the West Spillway Rehabilitation Project. She began by thanking Win Zoellner for being onsite helping to manage/oversee the day-to-day operations at the site. She also noted there are plans to create a website (link) with details and photos of the project during each phase to keep residents informed of what is going on.

Utility relocations have been difficult, but we are getting there. Evergy did a great job. Kansas Gas found a private line which was not being serviced by Kansas Gas, and this was very unexpected. Details are being worked out to connect it so that it becomes part of Kansas Gas service. Water One is in the process of moving a hydrant and relocating a main. AT&T have been slow moving. Spectrum completed their work.

The committee is working with Olsson on an engineering design plan for the south side wall to ensure it is stable and meets our aesthetic plan. This involves boring and results will be provided soon.

The Lake was lowered on 10/03/23; however, due to heavy rainfall, it has caused the level to rise again, and they are trying to determine the best way to reroute the water out of the lake.

Financing – we chose the bid with RCB bank – 2.4 million. Funds were received on 10/18/23 and we are working with the bank to move the money into short-term money market accounts with 5% interest. Interest payments have been worked into the 2024 operating budget. When the notes expire in December 2025, both the spillway and Renner Road temp notes will be combined into one 20-year bond.

Renner Road 40-Acres Committee:

Councilmember Gupta reported that she, Bill Cole, and Brent Johnson met with the people at Johnson County Storm Water to inquire what steps are required to move forward in obtaining county funding for water quality studies. The county is in the process of determining criteria for this type of funding. Once this is known, the city will submit a form/application, and if we are approved, the county will pay 75% of the study and we will pay 25%. Following that, we will begin coming up with a plan based on the study results. January is the target date to begin the process for county approved funding.

Police Chief Hiring Committee:

Council President McCullagh reported, as Committee Chair, the committee

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Grenier provided his monthly report. There were no questions related to his report. Chief Grenier moved on to his action item and requested a pay increase for part time officers to \$30 an hour to begin with the first pay period in 2024.

It was decided a special meeting should be held prior to the next regular council meeting to allow the city attorney time to prepare a pay ordinance for the council to consider and approve with regard to the police officer's pay. The council may also consider a pay ordinance for all city employees at the special meeting.

City Attorney's Report:

No report.

Council Reports:

Councilmember Best

Councilmember Best provided updates to the following:

Item #13 under Old Business was brought forward for discussion: "Consider Approval of Fourth Amendment to Residential Solid Waste Management and Recycling Service Agreement". John Blessing, our account manager with Waste Management, was at the last council meeting to discuss and go over the new terms in the contract. The council respectfully requested a couple of modifications, which were made, and the amended contract was before them tonight for approval. **Motion:** Councilmember Noland made a motion to approve the Fourth Amendment to Residential Solid Waste Management and Recycling Service Agreement for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2024, with Waste Management. **Second:** Councilmember Gupta seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

The stair platforms for the community dumpster area were installed and have made a huge improvement. Councilmember Gupta suggested better signage at the dumpsters to deter illegal dumping at the site.

Councilmember Best is coordinating with the preschool and clubhouse for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Lilja will be out of town and isn't sure his flight will be back in time for it. Council President McCullagh will lead the event if Mayor Lilja can't make it.

With the holidays fast approaching, Councilmember Best will be in contact with the contractor who installs the Christmas lights throughout the community and at City Hall.

Councilmember Noland:

No report.

Council President McCullagh:

No report.

Councilmember Gupta:

No report.

Councilmember Prieb II:

No report.

Mayor's Report:

In follow-up to a code violation letter we received from the City of Shawnee related to the right-of-way overgrowth at the Renner property, it has now been mowed back 4-5 feet and overhanging branches have been trimmed bringing us back into compliance.

City prosecutor position – attorney Steve Sakoulas filled in for us at our October court docket and has offered to do so again for our November docket. We will be meeting with two candidates on Thursday who are interested in the position and hope to fill it by the December docket.

Old Business:

Consider Approval of Fourth Amendment to Residential Solid Waste Management and Recycling Service Agreement.

Discussion and motion held under Councilmember Best's report.

Executive Session.

Personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy rights of the employee (K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1)).

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to enter into executive session for thirty minutes beginning at 7:18 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to

protect the privacy rights of the employee (K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1)). **Second:** Councilmember Prieb II seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.** Included in the executive session will be the council, mayor, city attorney, Chief of Police, and city clerk.

Mayor Lilja called the meeting back to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion: Council President McCullagh requested to reconvene back into executive session for twenty minutes beginning at 7:50 p.m. for the purposes of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel to protect the privacy rights of the employee (K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1)). **Second:** Councilmember Prieb II seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

Mayor Lilja called the meeting back to regular session at 8:11 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion: Council President McCullagh made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. **Second:** Councilmember Best seconded. **Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 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.