

Regular Meeting
July 14, 2025
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Mike Tyrell called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, Cindy Fuentes-Ummel, and Bev Hall. Others present were City Superintendent Richard Hall and City Clerk Debbie LeDoux. Mayor Pat Showalter was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communications were presented and acknowledged

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Corsair. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Code violations were discussed. Main issue is grass & weeds not being mowed.

2. The Street Project was discussed. Scott Corsair will be meeting with Hale Sloan and Allen Morgan on Thursday to discuss repairs that need to be done and finalize the amount still owed to Morgan Brothers. Discussion was also held regarding the City putting in a culvert and constructing an entry point up to the Foos family field on Austin Street between Ave A and the railroad tracks.

3. The updates to the Code Book are completed. City Clerk will get Ordinance #328 regarding Codification of the Code Book to Ness County News for publication and will get updates put in the Code Book.

4. Discussion was held regarding the salary package approved at the June 9th Council meeting for Richard Hall. It was agreed that the \$50,000 annual salary would be less than his current hourly wage would amount to in a year. Jeff Werth made a motion to amend his previous motion to increase Richard's salary to \$55,000.00 per year to be paid bi-monthly and the City will request to affiliate with KPERS to provide a retirement plan. He will still receive two (2) weeks paid vacation and holidays off except for necessary testing or if there is an emergency. The City will also continue to pay for his health insurance. Scott Corsair seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. The proposed budget has not been received from AdamsBrown, LLC. After discussion of what is expected with the budget, Jeff Werth moved to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Bev Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously. A hearing will tentatively be scheduled for September 19, 2025. Notice will be published as soon as a date is selected.

2. City Clerk, Debbie LeDoux, presented quotes received for playground safe mulch. She had quotes for wood mulch, recycled tire mulch and what is referred to as virgin-rubber mulch called Jelly Bean Rubber Mulch. Jeff Werth moved to order the Jelly Bean mulch at a cost of \$13,650.00 for the amount needed to cover the park playground area at the recommended depth. Cindy Fuentes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. It was decided to pay half the cost when ordered and the remainder after delivery. The Council is hoping to have the mulch in place by the Bazine Picnic. The City will have a fund raiser or ask for donations to help with the cost.

VOUCHERS: Cindy Fuentes-Ummel moved to approve vouchers presented. Bev Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 p.m., Jeff Werth moved to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Fuentes-Ummel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.