

**CITY OF SEDAN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Bryan Blankinship presiding. Council members present: Angela Evans, Janice Fine, Kathy Miller, and Sharon Payne. Employees present: Lana Robinson, Jim Miller, Sherry Miller, Raven Darnall, Nancy Crawford, and Police Chief Kirk Richardson Citizens present: Darrel Blakinship, Wellington Butler, Matthew Blankinship, Jesse Lemons, and Devin Lumley.

Mayor Bryan Blankinship called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the agenda. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Payne made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 6, 2024. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Miller made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$50,998.07. Janice Fine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – none.

Staff Comments-

- Lana Robinson brought water account # 1115 to the council's attention. This account was being charged two water charges and no sewer leaving the account with a \$620.24 credit. Lana asked the council what they would like done and they advised her to ask the customer if they would like reimbursement or to add the credit to their water account. Asked the council if there are different fees for trash services for those that live in the county on city water and council advised same fee as city residents. Lana requested a new shredder and gave two options. The council picked a Royal Sovereign 150 sheet auto feed shredder for \$160.00 from Amazon.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the purchase of the Royal Sovereign 150 sheet shredder for \$160.00. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Sherry Miller's last meeting and she will be working from the 26th- 27th of next week and available via phone from the 28th-29th.
- Jim Miller took the 2013 Ford into the frame shop for repairs. It should be back by the end of this week to Main Street Auto for the remainder of repairs. Contacted the Meter Reader company and did a reset on them and will be trying to fix it out on the next couple of cycles to make sure everything is working properly. Still working on Wellington Butlers meter issue. Will be getting a read on the meter on the 21st of February. If the meter is still spinning it will be replaced with another meter to see if it is a meter issue. If it is still spinning Jim will be assisting Wellington Butler to get to the bottom of the issue.
- Police Chief Kirk Richardson contacted the resident of the house fire on Main Street. The resident is on a fixed income and cannot afford to clean up the property. With the residence on

Main Street, he wanted to let the council know to be thinking of ideas on how to get it cleaned up. Kansas State Highway Patrol (KHP) has a patrol vehicle now available off the list the police department has been on. The vehicle is \$34,425.00. Police Chief Kirk Richardson spoke with Howard State Bank about a lease, but nothing is final with loan information at this time. KHP will only hold vehicles for so long and they need to know as soon as possible if the city will be purchasing this vehicle. Police Chief Kirk Richardson will be looking into selling one of the old vehicles which he is estimating to bring in approximately \$15,000.00 with the sale. Police Chief Advised the council he will need a decision by tomorrow.

- Sherry Miller advised we will need to ask the bank what they will finance it for and see what payments will be to check the budget and see if it is something that can be done.
- The council advised they will be available for a special meeting tomorrow with information about the funding for the police vehicle.

Council Comments-

- Angela Evans advised vehicles are blowing through the intersection of Marion St and Dora St due to there not being any signs to mark that intersection.

Trash Service Amending Ordinance No. 942-

Janice Fine made a motion to approve ordinance NO. 945 amending Ordinance NO. 942 having to do with regulating solid waste collection. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due Process Procedure Ordinance for Termination of Utility Services-

Janice Fine Made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 946 authorizing combined billing and establishing a due process procedure before termination of utility services, authorizing the treasurer to conduct hearings and city clerk as alternate. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Certificate of Deposit (CD)-

Janice Fine made a motion to remove the city CD from Elevate Bank and place it in Howard State Bank with the signers being the Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, and Office Employee. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Access Agreement for Road Right-of-Way (KDHE) for Larsen Environmental-

Larsen Environmental is hired by the state to conduct drilling for testing soil samples for contamination. This will be done on the property at 120 N Chautauqua St. They need permission to access the road right-of-way. The council would like to know if there is contamination located and who would be responsible for the cleanup.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve right-of-way agreement with Larsen Environmental for KDHE, after confirmation of who is responsible for the costs if contamination is located. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Cost Share Program-

The Cost Share Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2024. BG Consultants will help set up the application and the council will need to decide what funding they will be requesting. The past two years the city has requested the max of \$1,000,000.00 and have been denied. A discussion was made and agreed to ask for \$500,000.00.

Janice Fine made a motion to request \$500,000.00 on the application for KDOT Cost Share Program. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Representative and Alternate for PWWSD #20 Effective March 1st-

Angela Evans made a motion to assign Jim Miller as primary representative of PWWSD #20 and Bryon Long as alternate. Janice Fine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

January 2024 Financial Report-\

Raven gave January's financial report to the council.

At 6:32 PM, Janice Fine made a motion to go into executive session for 40 minutes for interviews for police officer with Police Chief Kirk Richardson. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

At 6:45 PM, Jesse Lemons entered the executive session for interview and exited at 7:12 PM

Janice Fine made a motion at 7:12 to extend the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.


At 7:13 PM, Devin Lumley entered the executive session for interview and exited at 7:29 PM.


Janice Fine made a motion to extend the executive session by 10 minutes. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 7:37 PM, the regular meeting resumed. No discussion was made.

Angela Evans made a motion to offer Devin Lumley the police officer position at \$20.00 an hour. Kathy Miller seconded motion. Motion carried.

At 7:39 PM, Sharon Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.


Bryan Blankinship, Mayor


Lana Robinson, City Clerk