

**CITY OF SEDAN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting, on January 18, 2023, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Jack Warren presiding. Council members present: Bryan Blankinship, JesseKate Buck, Jaime Morris, and Sharon Payne. Council member Brett Dickens was absent. Employees present: John Miller, Sherry Miller, Ralene Davis, Kirk Richardson, John Chase, and Leslie McGuire. Guests present: Marlene Wells; FOCCAS.

Jaime Morris made a motion to approve the agenda. Bryan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JesseKate Buck made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held, January 4, 2023, and was seconded by Jaime Morris. Motion carried.

Bryan Blankinship made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$40,127.28; Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Marlene Wells, President of Chautauqua County Animal Shelter, asked permission to pull outside kennels from old shelter, to donate to another shelter in need. Jaime Morris made a motion to grant permission of removing the old kennels. Motion was seconded by JesseKate Buck. Motion carried. Marlene Wells then asked the City to continue to support the shelter, as done in previous years, by giving \$3,600.00 per year, in exchange for two dedicated kennels for the city's animal control officer to use. Bryan Blankinship made a motion to approve \$3,600.00 to support the shelter, paid in a lump sum for the year, to be paid from the Police budget. Jaime Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ralene Davis provided the December financial report. She then advised the council that about \$50,000.00 is currently unpledged at First National Bank. Ralene Davis asked council's permission to move the money to Bank of Sedan. Jaime Morris made a motion to approve moving \$100,000.00 from First National Bank to Bank of Sedan, to remedy the situation. Bryan Blankinship seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:45 PM, Jaime Morris made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes, to discuss non-elected personnel. Bryan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried. At 5:55 PM, regular meeting resumed. No action was taken. Jaime Morris made a motion to give \$1 per hour raises to FT employees, with more than a year time served. FT employees with less than 1 year, will receive 50 cents more per hour. Bryan Blankinship seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Jack Warren asked if the city would waive the library a connect fee at their new library location. Jaime Morris made a motion to waive the connect fee. JesseKate Buck seconded. Motion carried. Jaime Morris made a motion to only charge for consumption, above the minimum is usage. JesseKate Buck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 6:06 PM, Sharon Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaime Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Jack Warren, Mayor

Sherry Miller, City Clerk