

**CITY OF SEDAN
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting on February 6, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Bryan Blankinship presiding. Council members present: Angela Evans, Janice Fine, Kathy Miller, Sharon Payne, and Adam Clark. Employees present: Lana Robinson, Jim Miller, Sherry Miller, Raven Darnall, Nancy Crawford, and Police Chief Kirk Richardson. City Attorney Jeff Chubbs present. Citizens present: Darrel Blakinship, Wellington Butler, Mark Davis, Donald Bullock, Levi Lear, Matthew Blankinship, Caleb Ironsyde, Bryon Long, and Hayden Leewright.

Mayor Bryan Blankinship called Budget Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Amendment, Sharon Payne Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bryan Blankinship closed Budget Hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Sharon Payne made a motion to approve the agenda. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 16, 2024. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on January 22, 2024. Janice Fine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Payne made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$126,807.55; Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Levi Lear voiced concerns regarding The Blue Devil Car Wash and the restrictions that had been placed on his business during Stage 2 water emergency. Levi Lear was upset the way he was spoken to by an employee regarding the restrictions. He requested the Council to look into the policy and consideration making changes to the hours of operation from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. restricting the usage of water between 8am through 10 p.m. to allow his business to run during regular business hours.

Staff Comments-

- Raven Darnall advised the council that there are residents that are concerned about having to pay for trash services when they do not want those services.
- Jim Miller apologized to Levi Lear for the way he advised Levi Lear of the Stage 2 water restrictions. He updated the council on the sand truck and that the insurance company would be sending a check to repair the truck. Jim has been in contact with a repair company to get the costs of repair. Jim Miller requested to attend the KRWA conference March 26th – March 28th in Wicita for \$180.00. Tires on the 1999 Ford F250 went bad and two tires needed to be purchased. The tires were \$145 each and two needed to be purchased equaling \$290.00. Jim contacted Mayor Bryan Blankinship who approved the purchase over the phone. Wellington Bulter had a complaint of water usage at his residence. Jim went to residence, checked the meter

with no signs of anything, and ran a 30-day test on the meter. Jim noticed the meter was showing it was not stopping when water was not in use at residence creating usage of 8,000 gals. Jim is continuing to work on this issue.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve Jim Miller to attend the KRWA conference from March 26th – March 28th. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Sherry Miller received information from Jim Miller regarding Levi Lear refusing to follow Stage 2 emergency water restrictions. Sherry contacted the City Attorney to speak with him regarding the situation at hand. City Attorney emailed a sample ordinance that the City of Independence adopted during water emergency stages. Ordinance was added in the council packets to view.
- Lana Robinson advised that the office is in the process of converting utility billing to CIC and there will be training this week. The conversion should be completed by March 31, 2024.

Council Comments-

- Kathy Miller reported there is an online Kansas League of Municipalities KOMA training for new council members on February 8, from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Kathy is unable to attend.
- Mayor Bryan Blankinship approved tires for the 1999 Ford F250 via the phone to Jim Miller of \$145 each tire. Two tires' purchases. Will look into the Stage 2 information regarding the regulations for the Car Wash.
- Janice Fine, Sherry Miller will remain till February 29th for training and retire March 1st, 2024.

Trash Service Discussion with City Attorney-

- Sherry Miller advised counsel of all the different situations that have arisen regarding the trash ordinance.
- City Attorney Jeff Chubb- Waste Connections required City to draft an ordinance that all who are on city water meters in City limits are required to have poly carts and trash service. City can not turn off trash services due to trash services not being related to water/sewer services. The city can give notice to discontinue trash services and give time for a hearing for citizens to give due process.
- Police Chief Kirk Richardson advised that the out of state hunters may have an issue with having to pay for trash year-round and only being in town for a few weeks.
- City Attorney Jeff Chubbs spoke up about the Stage 2 drought policy by Wholesale #20. Stated the policy is being driven by the State of Kansas and not Wholesale #20. If an ordinance wants to be drafted to be able to enforce it, he can draft one.

At 6:10 PM, Mayor Bryan Blankinship called for a 5-minute recess.

At 6:17 PM, Mayor Bryan Blankinship called the meeting back in session.

- Discussion continued about all the different scenarios regarding the trash services. The decision was made that most of the city properties do not need dumpsters or poly carts. The Rodeo grounds trash is picked up by city crew and taken to the yard.
- Adam Clark, where a property has multiple areas and wants a dumpster for said areas (example: Beaston trailer park) the property all needs to be combined and Waste Connections needs to be able to pick it up.
- Sherry Miller, Waste Connections advised they do not charge for Churches, Police Departments, Fire Departments, Courthouse, and City Hall.

Exceptions to amend the Ordinance No. 942:

1. Non-Profits with 501C3, Churches, and Museums will not be required to have a poly cart but will be required to pay if they opt in to receiving trash services.
2. Beaston trailer park, Sunshine village, Gunnars, and other locations that have multiple properties combined can have one poly cart or dumpster for location and not have to pay for a poly cart at each meter.
3. Properties that will be unoccupied for 6 months or longer will need to come to city hall and fill out an application to stop trash services for the time residences will be gone. This application will need approval by the council.

Those that are just outside city limits and have one meter for two separate households and would like trash will just be billed trash to the residence that does not receive the water bill. The other resident that receives the water bill will have trash service added to the bill.

At 7:00 PM, Janice Fine made a motion to go into executive session for 50 minutes for interviews. Lana Robinson, Sherry Miller and Jim Miller was retained. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

At 7:02 PM, Bryon Long entered the executive session for interview and exited at 7:10 PM

At 7:10 PM, Caleb Ironsyde entered the executive session for interview and exited at 7:22 PM.

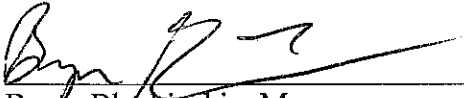
At 7:28 PM, Hayden Leewright entered the executive session for interview and exited at 7:38 PM.

At 7:52 PM, the regular meeting resumed. No discussion were made.

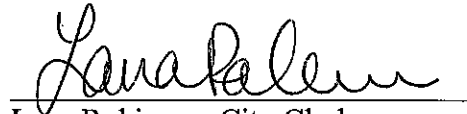
Janice Fine made a motion to offer Bryan Long the position in the water/sewer department at \$18.00 an hour. Angela Evans seconded motion. Motion carried.

Janice Fine made a motion to offer Caleb Ironsyde the position of Street Laborer at \$15.00 an hour. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 7:54 PM, Angela Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.



Bryan Blankinship, Mayor



Lana Robinson, City Clerk