

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

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting, on July 18, 2023, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Jack Warren presiding. Council members present: Sharon Payne, Janice Fine, Adam Clark, Tom Oast, and Bryan Blankinship. Employees present: Ralene Davis, Sherry Miller, Leslie McGuire, and John Miller. Guests present: Wellington Butler, Pam Butler, Penny Bailey, Nathan Blankinship, Bill McGuire, Kathy Miller, Angela Evans, Breanna Avalos, Esiquio Avalos, and Al Collins.

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 July 5, 2023. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Clark made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$256,833.29; Janice Fine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments- Wellington Butler presented questions and concerns to council.

Staff Comments- Sherry Miller advised that according to PWWSD #20, we are still in stage two of water conservation. She also suggested using ARPA grant money to pay the balance of what is due for the city's new software, rather than budget payment installments for next year. In addition, she provided the council with the training schedule for the new software. Lastly, she announced that the auditors will be coming to our August 15th council meeting to present the findings of their audit.

Leslie McGuire reported data to the council concerning some water customers with excessive water usage, despite being in stage two.

John Miller let the council know that his department had a weed eater quit working and the mayor approved the purchase of a new one for \$470.00.

Council Comments- Tom Oast suggested having an idle service fee, like what other utility companies charge when service is not active. The reconnect fee that the city already has in place would still apply when active service is restored.

Adam Clark would like the city to consider adopting a specific set of rules, much like the city of Independence has, regarding how meetings are to be conducted and how to constructively entertain public comments.

Bryan Blankinship questioned the minutes from the June 20, 2023, meeting.

At 5:50 PM, Janice Fine made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Regular session resumed at 6:00 PM. No action was taken.

Mayor Warren explained that whenever a regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, Ordinance #941 requires that the meeting be held on the next business day at noon. Also, he clarified that Appleby funds are not used for city operations and therefore, are not included in the city budget.

The council decided that the porta potty rentals will be considered as the city's contribution to the fireworks display this year.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the payment of \$190.00 from transient guest tax funds to SAEDC. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ralene Davis presented the June financial report.

The council and mayor once again discussed the 2024 budget. Sherry Miller advised of the reporting and hearing deadlines. The council agreed unanimously to tentatively move forward with the budget proposal, that of which is the option that exceeds the revenue neutral rate.

At 6:20 PM, Janice Fine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Oast seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Jack Warren, Mayor

Sherry Miller, Clerk