

**CITY OF SEDAN  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2023**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting, on August 1, 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, John Miller, Kirk Richardson, and Manny Zambrano. Guests present: Melissa Havellana, Bill McGuire, Mary Warren, Wellington Butler, Kathy Miller, Chris Daniels, and Crystal Wade.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Tom Oast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Payne made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 18, 2023. Janice Fine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Clark made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$41,147.13; Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve the payment plan for account #1028, with a sewer reduction, and late fees waived. Tom Oast seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Kathy Miller asked the council to determine if there are other ways to utilize the pool water.

Chris Daniels was concerned if there was a limit on the spay/neuter vouchers.

Staff Comments- Sherry Miller advised that according to PWWSD #20, we are now in stage three water emergency. She explained the challenges our water supplier is facing with the design of the floating intake structure. Unfortunately, the joint that allows the dock to adjust to the changes of water surface level, only provides a maximum 20 degree deflection, which means if the water level continues to drop, a 20 degree bend is all that the joint can withstand before breaking. A breakage in the intake would be a disaster and would in turn create a service interruption to all the entities purchasing from PWWSD #20. They are working on getting a pump out to Quivera Lake as soon as possible, as it seems its use would be imminent, as significant rainfall this time of year is unlikely. Moving the intake structure further out to deeper water is one solution being considered, however that will require emergency relief funding to achieve. The PWWSD #20 team is working with the state, engineers, surveyors, and contractors to expedite a solution. In the meantime, all consumers are asked to adhere to the guidelines of stage three.

John Miller explained that being able to pump water from the New City Lake would be a great resource for those needing to water livestock, however the city would first need to secure rights to it. The city will contact Division of Water Resources as soon as possible. Lastly, he intends to purchase at least one pump as soon as possible.

John also asked the council to allow him to fill another vacant position on the city crew. He would like to hire Blake Rouse at the current starting wage. Tom Oast made a motion to hire Blake Rouse at \$15.00 an hour to start at the next pay period. Janice seconded the motion. Motion carried with Bryan Blankinship voting nay.

Tom Oast reports monthly to the national weather service regarding rainfall totals in Sedan. He shared his latest data, of 17.94 total inches from the first of the year through July. Also, thanked John and his crew for the work done during the fair and announced that new dirt will be delivered to the basketball court.

Adam Clark voiced concerns he had regarding the city's Facebook page. He also shared a proposed resolution, similar to what the city of Independence adopted, concerning public participation at council meetings. Further review is needed, and any decisions will be tabled for a later meeting. Lastly, he asked the rest of the council to consider establishing an ordinance with some sort of water restrictions. Further discussion is needed about that as well.

Mayor Warren announced that the city pool water would not be drained and could be used in case of fires. He also mentioned his concern for the lifeguards missing out on wages due to the early pool closure. He asked the council to determine what fair compensation would be.

Jack also wanted to remind council that the city would have a chance to reapply for the cost-share program to improve our streets, later this month. Lastly, he spoke about a loan forgiveness program being offered by the state. More info on that will come out in September or October from the office of Doug Blex.

Bryan Blankinship made a motion to pay the lifeguards for the hours that the manager would have had them work, or if she had not created the schedule for the final week, then to pay them based on the previous week worked. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

He also announced that the Friends of the Sedan Pool are throwing a party August 8<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H building and pavilion. All are welcome.

At 6:30 PM, Sharon Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Blankinship seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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Jack Warren, Mayor

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Sherry Miller, Clerk