

**CITY OF SEDAN  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

The Sedan City Council met for the council's regularly scheduled meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, beginning at 5:30 PM, with Mayor Bryan Blankinship presiding. Council members present: Janice Fine, Sharon Payne, Adam Clark, Angela Evans, and Kathy Miller. Employees present: Lana Robinson, Jim Miller, Nancy Crawford, Raven Darnall, and Chief Kirk Richardson. Public present: Wellington Butler, Pam Koerner, Becky Smilko, Kaden Sanders, Rosie Sweaney and Esiquio Avalos.

At 5:30 PM, The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Bryan Blankinship.

Sharon Payne made a motion to approve the agenda. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Clark made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Miller asked to discuss the expense to the Sedan Boosters Club of \$500.00. Kathy Miller stated she cannot back this payment that was made as the council should have been able to vote on this. Adam Clark agreed that the council should have been able to vote on it and that the principle of it is for citizens to be making donations not the city.

Mayor Bryan Blankinship stated he made the call in order to give back to the community.

Kathy Miller said there are other ways the city can give back to the community and felt that this was putting the boosters club above other clubs.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$50,602.64. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried with Nay vote from Kathy Miller.

**Public Comments-**

- Rosie Sweaney spoke on the windows that are rotted out at the Emmett Kelly Museum and that the board is getting quotes from Rams windows and roofing and getting quotes for the outside repairs to the museum. Rosie has reached out to the Historic Society about the repairs needing to be a standard and got those standards from them. Rosie mentioned that Lana Robinson is working on a \$50,000.00 grant through T-Mobile and there is reimbursement for renovations from the Historic Society up to 40% if they follow the standards. This reimbursement will be up to \$100,000.00 in reimbursements. Rosie Sweaney asked the council how much they are needing to let the city know what they are doing.

Adam Clark stated the city is more concerned about the liability pertaining to ADA compliance and liability in general.

Rosie Sweaney advised that the museum is ADA compliant.

**Staff Comments-**

- Lana Robinson advised she will be submitting the T-Mobile grant for the Emmett Kelly Museum September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for \$50,000.00 which is 100% funded grant.

Lana Robinson located a PPE Reimbursement grant for new fire department volunteers with a start date of November 2023 through November 2027. This was given to Fire Chief Shawn Butler and information was forwarded to the Rural Fire Department.

Dave Taylor sent an update on the Hwy 166 signs which will be installed Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He wanted to express how grateful the Chamber of Commerce and SAEDC are for the city's partnership in making this important step possible with the work and financial investment in making the signs a reality.

Lana Robinson is looking into a safety program with KMIT which will get the city up to 5% discount on workers compensation insurance. There are guidelines that need to be followed. Lana Robinson stated she was part of the Safety Committee with the City of Independence, and it was simple to follow. KMIT will supply all the guidelines and templates.

Lana Robinson gave the council a notice that was in the newspaper from the Chamber of Commerce asking for volunteers for a Fourth of July Celebration.

Nita Jones with 3-4 others will be placing pumpkins down Main Street at the end of September, early October.

Lana Robinson advised she contacted KDOT and got permission to have the Homecoming Parade down Main Street and the Christmas Parade down Main Street with the approval from Chief Kirk Richardson on the route. Jim Miller and Kirk will be working together for road closures.

#### Council Comments-

- Mayor Bryan Blankinship regardless of the rumors that are going on out there, there was nobody else working on the budget besides those that were paid to. No secret meetings between, the Mayor and Lana Robinson with anyone else.

#### August Financial Report- Raven Darnall

- Raven Darnall gave the August financial report.

#### Ordinance No. 948- Environmental Code-

- Chief Kirk Richardson updated the council with the corrections that were made to the Environmental Code in which he spoke with the City Attorney and stated the ordinance is ready to be approved. Chief Kirk Richardson spoke with each towing company to get the fees and they both expressed concern about towing big rigs and the cost of that. The towing companies stated that it could be up to \$1,000.00 to tow a big rig depending on the circumstances. Chief Richardson suggested the fees be set at up to \$1,000.00 max for towing and up to \$100.00 a day for storage.

Janice Fine made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 948 Environmental Code with the tow fee max of \$1,000.00 and the daily storage rate of \$100.00. Kathy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Purple Heart City-

- Lana Robinson presented to the council what a Purple Heart City is and what is needed to dedicate the City of Sedan as a Purple Heart City. The city will need to purchase two purple heart city signs to place at the city limit at both entrances of the city. A proclamation will need to be read and signed by the mayor. Lana Robinson would like to do this November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, council meeting as it is near Veterans Day and would give time to reach out to as many veterans as possible.

The council agreed to let Lana Robinson continue with this project.

#### Preapproved Reimbursement to SAEDC Committee \$237.50-

Kathy Miller made a motion to approve reimbursement to SAEDC Committee in the amount of \$237.50. Adam Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### AFLAC Representative- Kaden Sanders-

- Kaden Sanders with AFLAC gave a presentation to introduce himself and let the city know he is available if the city is interested. Lana Robinson will be in contact with Kaden Sanders to set up a presentation date for all employees.

#### Friends of the Sedan City Library Fundraiser-

- Lana Robinson gave information about the request that the city received from the Friends of the Sedan City Library Fundraiser.

#### Christmas in the Hollow Sponsorship-

- Lana Robinson gave information about the request for sponsorship for Christmas in the Hollow.

#### Wayfinding Signs-

- Lana Robinson presented to council signs to replace the blue and white signs downtown directing people to the hospital, ball fields, golf course, etc.

Council would like to have a quote on these signs but are in favor of them.

#### City Trails-

- Lana Robinson met with Mike Goodwin with the Kansas Trails Council today and took a ride around the park to discuss trails inside the park and in the timber area. Mike Goodwin is excited to help Sedan out with this trail project and gave information about a free program they have called Trail in a Box. Trail in a Box is a box trailer full of trail making equipment to make

natural trails. This will be used to make natural trails in the timber area behind the rodeo arena and the city will just need volunteers.

The trails throughout the park were discussed to be cement trails. These trails will need to be designed by an Engineer as they will need to be ADA compliant. Lana Robinson has already been in contact with Dan Holloway with CFS Engineering who has helped the City of Rossville with their trails. Lana Robinson explained to the council that there are lots of grants out there for trails and Dan Holloway told Lana Robinson that there are groups that will help write the grants and even cover funds for engineering.

Lana Robinson accompanied by Chief Kirk Richardson and Mike Goodwin also went out the New City Lake to go down the trail already there. Mike Goodwin stated that there are so many things the city can do with the lake area for trails.

Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege-

At 6:20 PM, Janice Fine made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to K.S.A 75-4319(b)(2) regarding consultation with an attorney for attorney-client privilege. The open meeting shall resume no later than 6:50 PM here in the City Hall Council room. Angela Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At 6:50 PM, the regular meeting continued with no decisions made.

At 6:50 PM Angela Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.

  
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Bryan Blankinship, Mayor

  
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Lana Robinson, City Clerk