

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

SUBLETTE, KS

September 5, 2023

The Governing Body of the City of Sublette, Kansas met in regular session at 7:00pm with Mayor Lawrence Hoerman presiding and the following members of the City Council present: Denton Unruh, Leon Birney, Tom Stoppel, Jason Vaughan, and Cassie Davis. Also present were City Superintendent Daylen Elsey, Sergeant Victor Mora, City Clerk Shayla Makings, Fire Chief Rusty Sherwood, and Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Koehn. Visitors were Tina Stoppel, Greg Stoppel, and Adriane Hatcher.

Mayor Hoerman opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 7:03pm. There were no comments from members of the public present. A roll call vote was taken and a motion was made by Councilmember Stoppel, seconded by Councilmember Birney to approve Resolution 090523 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 54.609 mills for 2024. The entirety of Resolution 090523 can be found on the City's website at [www.sublettekansas.com](http://www.sublettekansas.com). The motion carried 5-0. The RNR Hearing was closed at 7:04pm.

Mayor Hoerman opened the public budget hearing at 7:04pm. There were no comments from members of the public present. The City's proposed mill levy for 2024 is 56.821 mills, each mill being \$10,811.92. This Budget exceeds the new Revenue Neutral requirement. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Stoppel to adopt the budget at the mill levy of 56.821 for 2024. The motion carried 5-0. The budget hearing was closed at 7:05pm.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as distributed with a motion made by Councilmember Birney, seconded by Councilmember Stoppel. The motion carried 5-0.

Greg Stoppel was present to give an update on the addition of water lines to the Bloomfield Addition.

Adriane Hatcher requested the Council pass a resolution allowing alcohol at the Dueling Pianos fundraising event on November 11, 2023. Councilmember Unruh motioned and Councilmember Vaughan seconded to pass Resolution 090523-1 for the Satanta Arts Council to host an event where alcohol will be served as part of the ticket price. This approval is contingent on Attorney Koehn's review of the Resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

Sergeant Victor Mora was present to give the monthly law enforcement report.

Code Enforcement Officer Aaron Koehn was present to give his monthly report.

City Clerk Shayla Makings presented a letter of interest from John Unger to fill the open Position 5 on the Zoning Committee. Councilmember Vaughan motioned to appoint John Unger to Position 5 of the Zoning Committee, Councilmember Birney seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

The Chamber of Commerce asked permission to block off Inman Street for Fall Fest on October 5 from 5:00 to 8:00pm; from Highway 56 to Courthouse Avenue/Fern Avenue and side streets entering Inman Street at Carson Avenue and Becknell Avenue. The Council consented to allow the streets to be blocked.

Fire Chief Sherwood was present to give the monthly fire report. The tanker truck is in need of repair; Rusty is waiting for the quote. Councilmember Vaughan motioned to approve payment not to exceed \$5,000 for repairs, seconded by Councilmember Unruh. The motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Birney notified the Council that the slope of Integrity Auto's curb and gutter is too high on the wrong end. Councilmember Vaughan motioned to increase the approved amount for the project to \$1,800.00, seconded by Councilmember Davis. The motion carried 5-0 with Councilmember Birney abstaining.

Superintendent Elsey was present to give the monthly water report.

Councilmember Unruh motioned to go into executive session from 8:00pm to 8:10pm to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, Councilmember Davis seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The Council came out of executive session at 8:10pm.

Councilmember Vaughan motioned to go back into executive session until 8:20pm, Councilmember Birney seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The Council came out of executive session at 8:20pm. Councilmember Vaughan motioned to go back into executive session until 8:30pm. Councilmember Unruh seconded. The motion carried 5-0. The Council came out of executive session at 8:30pm. The Council came to a consensus to publish a help wanted ad for a City Maintenance Employee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Birney, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan to approve and allow payment of the bills as distributed. The motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. The motion carried 5-0.

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