

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

SUBLETTE, KS

September 6, 2022

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 and Jason Vaughan. Cassie Davis arrived at 7:04pm. Also present were City Superintendent Daylen Elsey, Sergeant Victor Mora, Fire Chief Rusty Sherwood, City Clerk Shayla Makings, and City Treasurer Becky Morris. Visitors were Alan Watson, Tina Stoppel, Greg Stoppel, Rex Richardson, and Cesar Pena.

Mayor Hoerman opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 7:00pm. There were no comments from members of the public present. A roll call vote was taken and a motion was made by Councilmember Birney, seconded by Councilmember Unruh to approve Resolution 090622 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 53.434 mills for 2023. The entirety of Resolution 09062022 can be found on the City's website at www.sublettekansas.com. The motion carried 4-0. The RNR Hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Mayor Hoerman opened the public budget hearing at 7:03pm. There were no comments from members of the public present. The City's proposed mill levy for 2023 is 58.595 mills, each mill being \$10,076.13. This Budget exceeds the new Revenue Neutral requirement. A motion was made by Councilmember Unruh, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan to adopt the budget at the mill levy of 58.595 for 2023. The motion carried 4-0. The Budget Hearing was closed at 7:04pm.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting were approved as distributed with a motion made by Councilmember Vaughan, seconded by Councilmember Birney. The motion carried 4-0.

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

Mayor Lawrence Hoerman presented proposed Ordinance 463 regarding unconventional vehicles for discussion. The Council agreed to table the ordinance until the next meeting.

Greg Stoppel requested permission to take down the chain link fence and put a vinyl privacy fence around the Stoppel Well. He suggested putting the fence on the property line, and discussion followed regarding who would own the fence and maintain it. It was agreed that Greg Stoppel will pay to install the fence and share maintenance with the City; Attorney Koehn will draw up a formal agreement.

Alan Watson was present to discuss the position for Code Enforcement and Zoning Administrator. The Council agreed that they'd like to offer Alan the job pending a contract being drawn up by Attorney Koehn.

School Superintendent Rex Richardson was present to request that the City look into adding the school's dumpsters to the City's rotation. The Council agreed to check into the details and see if SCWMS will agree to pick up school dumpsters twice a week.

Fire Chief Rusty Sherwood was present to give the monthly fire report. He updated the Council on equipment ordered and received as well as the status of the truck being repaired.

Superintendent Elsey was present to give the monthly water report. He reported that the City received their small animal kennel license from the State of Kansas on September 2, 2022 and that we can once again house stray dogs.

The Chamber of Commerce asked permission to block off Inman Street for Fall Fest on October 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.; 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.

Mayor Hoerman presented the proposed airport lease with Nutrien Ag and the Council discussed the details and potential changes to the lease. They agreed to table the lease until more details can be worked out.

Councilmember Birney brought to the Council's attention a complaint about ordinances, etc. only being printed in the official city paper and not in our local paper. It was agreed that new ordinances and resolutions will be posted on the City's Facebook page and website instead of spending extra money to publish in two newspapers. When the Haskell County News qualifies to be the City's official paper, City legal publications can be sent to them.

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

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn at 8:27pm, seconded by Councilmember Vaughan. The motion carried 5-0.

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